

Leaders offer stark election choice

Thatcher attack on 'party of the past'

Mrs Thatcher, returning from the Venice summit, said that Britain faced the stark election choice ever - between a country willing to defend itself and one on the brink of surrender.

Mr Kinnock said the Tories had undermined the capacity of families to care for their children, lengthened hospital waiting lists and made schooling increasingly dependent on fund-raising (Page 5).

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Bitter exchanges marked the closing stages of the election campaign yesterday with the leaders of the two big parties both claiming to be the hope for Britain's future.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher returned from the economic summit in Venice to claim that Britain had to make its starkest election choice ever, between a country willing to defend itself and one on the brink of surrender.

Labour would destroy prosperity and bring a "strife-torn, strike-ridden, divided society".

She told a rally at Harrogate that Labour was a party of the

past which would condemn the present generation and their children to "a second-class life in a third-class country".

Mr Neil Kinnock, equally vehement, spent yesterday deriding Tory claims to be the party of the family and said that the Conservatives offered the young only unemployment, under-investment in education and shortages in training.

Voters had to ask themselves: "Am I prepared to offer the young an environment that is abused and endangered, the tensions between rich and poor?"

He told a rally in Leeds that future generations needed a country not disabled by mass unemployment, not fractured by weak, partial and backward health and education systems.

Mrs Thatcher's government had not shown the commitment to future generations shown by every previous government since 1945.

The parties, battling for the votes of the estimated eight million electors who are still undecided, yesterday revealed

a sharp divergence in their tactics in the last 48 hours of an increasingly bitter election.

Labour continued to pitch for the moral high ground, launching a detailed onslaught against the Government's policy towards the family, while the Conservatives con-

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On election day 1979 MORI's final poll predicted the outcome of the party battle accurate to within 1 per cent of the actual result. On election day 1983 MORI predicted exactly the composition of the new Parliament. Tomorrow, on election day 1987, MORI's final poll will be published exclusively in The Times.

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centrated on what they saw as the threat to taxpayers posed by Labour's spending plans.

The leaders of the SDP and the Liberals appealed once more to what they called the "thoughtful voters", saying that only the election of a substantial block of Alliance

MPs could stop Mrs Thatcher from enjoying "unfettered power" once again.

The latest opinion poll by Marplan, conducted yesterday for the Today newspaper, measured support for the parties as unchanged in the last week, with the Conservatives on 43 per cent, Labour on 35 per cent and the Alliance on 21. It interviewed 1,086 voters.

Such figures, repeated on a uniform swing tomorrow, would see the Conservatives returned with a majority of 50.

A poll by Gallup for today's Daily Telegraph measures support at Conservatives 41 per cent, Labour 34 per cent and Alliance 23.5 per cent.

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, opened hostilities yesterday by charging that Labour had been forced to admit during the campaign that it would increase taxation by at least £11.5 billion.

Healey swears in TV clash

By Mark Ellis

Mr Denis Healey swore at a television presenter, stormed out of a studio and had an angry confrontation with programme journalists yesterday.

The clash came after he was questioned about an operation his wife underwent at a private hospital.

The outburst by Labour's shadow Foreign Secretary began on air and continued off-screen after Miss Ann Diamond, the TV-am presenter, questioned him about a report in The Sun concerning his wife's private hip operation.

He asked Miss Diamond, who is seven months pregnant: "Where are you having your baby, Anne?" and when she said she was not a politician the irate Mr Healey retorted: "Yes, but my wife is not a politician".

During a commercial break he turned to Miss Diamond and, within earshot of Mr Michael Heseltine, the former Defence Secretary, said to her: "You shit".

As Mr Healey left the studio he confronted Mr Adam Bolton, the programme's political editor and a producer and had a heated exchange about the interview while poking and, according to TV-am, punching one of them in the chest.

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Mrs Thatcher and President Reagan discussing major world issues in the garden of Hotel Cipriani in Venice yesterday.

Summit boost for Prime Minister

From Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent, Venice

Mrs Thatcher goes into the final day of the election campaign today able to claim overwhelming backing from the leading Western nations for her defence and economic policies.

She received the big electoral boost for which she had planned when she set the election date by securing from the leaders of the United States, Japan, Canada, France, Italy and West Germany an effective repudiation of the non-nuclear defence policy of the Labour Party.

As she left Venice yesterday lunchtime, after just 18 hours

at the summit, she declared that the economic strategy which she had pursued for eight years had now become the "orthodox" policy of the West.

Shortly before leaving the summit island of San Giorgio di Maggiore after a three-hour discussion on the world's economy Mrs Thatcher said that her truncated trip had been "absolutely vital".

Shrugging off suggestions that it was all an electioneering exercise, Mrs Thatcher said that she was representing her country as she had done

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Shares at record high

The pound and shares rose strongly yesterday as investors became increasingly confident of a Conservative victory.

Investors chased share prices to their highest levels ever. Almost £6 billion was added to the value of quoted shares taking the amount added to the equity market since the

election was announced to £35.95 billion.

Prices closed slightly below their best levels of the day but the FT index of top 30 shares enjoyed its biggest ever one-day rise, closing 34.1 higher at an all-time high of 1,761.3.

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Soviet war of attrition on the Chernobyl 'front'

From Christopher Walker, Chernobyl

Plagued with radiation hotspots more than 100 times the level to be found only a few miles away and the centre of a hazardous clean-up operation involving thousands of uniformed Soviet troops in white masks, the Chernobyl plant still resembles a battleground nearly 14 months after the world's worst nuclear accident.

Once a proud part of the Ukraine's verdant countryside, the crippled station now has the eerie appearance of a semi-desert. Contaminated forest and a thick layer of top soil, for more than a mile on every side, have been stripped and buried in concrete-lined pits, while those pine trees still standing on the distant approaches are

withered, burnt-looking and ominously dead.

This week, for the first time since the explosion on April 26, 1986, a handful of Western reporters was permitted access to inspect the rescue work. The continuing dangers were quickly brought home when we were required to sign special forms, and warned never to open bus windows or smoke in the 18-mile exclusion zone surrounding the plant. We were also ordered never to step onto roadside verges, nor to drink water, and we had to wear dark glasses "if the sun shines brightly" (which it did).

In the shadow of the giant concrete tomb now encasing the crippled number four reactor, I watched as Mr Alexander Kovlenko, a Soviet expert with a red geiger counter, took a



Back home in Britain: Edward Chaplin, the diplomat abducted by the Revolutionary Guard in Iran, arriving at Heathrow airport yesterday with his wife Nicola, and his children Stephanie, aged three, and Thomas, aged nine weeks. Report, page 3

New strategy agreed in US-Soviet summit 'war against terrorism'

From Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent, Venice

The Venice economic summit yesterday adopted strengthened measures against terrorism only hours after attacks on the British and American embassies in Rome.

Amid a heightened security alert, the leaders met in a monastery library on the Venetian island of San Giorgio Maggiore.

While two Italian frigates mounted guard and helicopters hovered overhead, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, President Reagan and Mitterrand, Chancellor Kohl, Prime Ministers Nakasone and Mulrooney, and Italy's interim leader, Senator Amintore Fanfani, said they "resolutely condemned" all forms of terrorism.

New anti-terrorist measures included an agreement to block all flights to and from any country which failed to prosecute or extradite terrorists responsible for any major offence involving aircraft.

This greatly extends a 1978 agreement which covered only hijacking.

British sources said another new element was that for the first time in 13 economic summits all nations agreed to make no concessions to terrorists.

Shortly before the seven leaders held their opening session, a car bomb and five rocket-launched grenades caused

sed damage but no injuries in the Italian capital.

A police spokesman said that the embassy attacks were believed to be linked to the summit. A rented car containing an estimated 4½ lbs of TNT exploded near the back entrance of the American Embassy.

At the same time four home-made grenades were fired, from primitively constructed launchers, hitting the Washington - An Iranian destroyer challenged an SS Patriot as it was being escorted by the guided missile destroyer USS Conyngham in the Strait of Hormuz last Friday, but the two vessels proceeded without incident, the Pentagon said yesterday.

A fifth grenade aimed at the British Embassy half a mile away fell into an ornamental pond and exploded without causing damage. Both attacks took place during the Rome rush hour, but the only casualty was a bus passenger who was treated for shock. Police found one of the grenade launchers in an hotel room.

Home-made grenades were used in an attack during the last economic summit 13 months ago in Tokyo. A Japanese group using the

name "Core Faction" claimed responsibility.

Unconfirmed reports yesterday said that Rome police were seeking an Asian man travelling on a Canadian passport.

President Reagan and Mrs Thatcher were told of the attacks just before meeting at the Foreign Ministry's Information Directorate said.

"Is it realistic to expect a meeting of the leaders of our two powers? In our view, it is, and even this year," he told a news briefing in Moscow.

He said Soviet and American arms control negotiators in Geneva had the chance to reach an agreement on medium-range missiles by September or October.

"So then a draft could be presented to the heads of our two countries for approval."

Mr George Schultz, the United States Secretary of State said in Venice that preparations for a third Reagan-Gorbachov meeting were proceeding "pretty well".

Mr Pydyshew also said progress at the Geneva talks might make it necessary for Mr Schultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Mr Eduard Shevardnadze to meet in the United States "in the not so distant future".

"Positive results from a Shultz-Shevardnadze meeting would make it possible to raise the question of a summit in specific terms," he added.

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Terrorist posed as security guard

By Nicholas Beeston and Stewart Tendler

Scotland Yard detectives suspect that a terrorist posing as an Iran Air security guard slipped into London last summer to carry out the bomb attack in Kensington which killed a member of a leading anti-Khomeini family.

According to police and Iranian exile sources, the Iranian caught a flight for Tehran from Heathrow airport a few hours after the bombing of a shop in Kensington High Street last August. The blast killed Bijan Fazeli, aged 22, as he worked in the basement of his father's shop.

After the bombing the Yard's anti-terrorist branch were alerted to an Iranian who had stayed overnight in a small, cheap hotel in west London close to the bomb scene. The man vanished on the day of the attack leaving items of clothing behind.

Police searched the room and a pair of jeans examined by police scientists were found to have traces of explosive.

A spokesman for the Iranian embassy said yesterday that the mission had not been contacted by the police and there was no information on the explosion.

There has been continued interest in the activities of the National Iranian Oil Corporation in Victoria Street, Westminster, although Whitehall sources emphasized yesterday that there was no evidence that the company was engaged in anything which breached British laws. It employs about 300 people.

Inside the control room of one of the two reactors now back in operation, it suddenly became possible to grasp the situation as it occurred in the early hours of April 26 in a similar room not far away. Although rigid new safety procedures have been introduced since, I was surprised at the lack of concern shown when two or three visitors lost their special protective footwear because it did not fit.

The tension of those working inside the 18-mile dead zone - 10,000 of them Army reservists above the age of 35 - contrasted strongly with the unsuccessful attempts of the

PIAGET advertisement featuring a watch and the text: 'The ultimate sports watch in 18ct. gold. Piaget quartz, water-resistant. 14 New Bond Street, London W1. 01-409 3140'.

Vertical text on the left margin: 'Women sold short by Cash', 'Warning to voters at rally', 'Drugs dispute', 'Times Focus', 'Portfolio', 'INDEX'.

NEWS SUMMARY

Officers' fears on prison suicides

The Prison Officers' Association expressed concern yesterday about the Home Office attitude towards suicides in jail.

The association is objecting to a proposal which, it alleges, might leave female patients in the hospital at Drake Hall Women's Prison, Staffordshire, unsupervised at night.

The governor, Mr Ray Mitchell, had suggested to the local branch of the association that an electronic paging system be installed to enable patients to call on staff elsewhere in the prison.

The Home Office said last night that the hospital contained on average one patient. There was a night nursing sister on duty, but she might be called away to the main prison for a short period.

Couriers Satanist link up

High speed courier services operated by 12 national post offices are to be linked in a new company called Express Mail Services, based at Brussels airport.

The Post Office said a single international banner, rather than a collection of individual names, will make it easier to promote their services.

Initial participants will be Belgium, Canada, Denmark, the Irish Republic, Finland, France, Norway, The Netherlands, Sweden, the UK, the US and West Germany.

Judge's acid test

An American company's lemon-shaped juice containers were yesterday banned from British shops by a High Court judge because they are too like the British plastic lemon brand, Jif.

Mr Justice Walton said there was evidence that everyone associated the squeeze containers, which made first class water pistols when empty, with Jif, made by Reckitt & Colman.

The rival lemon, produced by Borden Inc, was not sufficiently distinctive to distinguish it from Jif. There was also fraudulent intent by its manufacturers, he said.

Doctor wins plea

Dr Jennifer Colman-Archer (right), struck off by the General Medical Council for being abusive in hospital, had two sentences, for assault and using violent and indecent behaviour, reduced at Norwich Crown Court yesterday. She had been fined with costs.

It was disclosed that she was suffering from brain damage, said to have been sustained in a road accident.

Dr Colman-Archer, of Dereham, Norfolk, was given a two-year conditional discharge.

Mass grave cleared

Work to remove more than 150 bodies discovered in a mass grave beneath a Southern Region railway arch between London Bridge and Charing Cross was completed yesterday.

The remains of men, women and children, who died at least 150 years ago, were discovered last month in what was believed to have been a common burial ground in Ewer Street, Southwark.

British Rail Properties, involved in an industrial development of the site, had to apply to the Home Office for a licence to remove the bodies to a cemetery.

Figures on ferry stability questioned

By Rodney Cowton Transport Correspondent

Doubts were cast yesterday on whether masters of cross-channel ferries were carrying out a calculation for determining a ship's stability.

The calculation would determine how a ship would react if damaged in a collision or if water got into the vehicle deck.

The issue was raised at the hearing into the loss of the Herald of Free Enterprise ferry, which is being conducted in London by Mr Justice Sheen.

One of the many measures used for calculating the stability of ships is the KG, which is a mathematical means of assessing the distance between the keel and the centre of gravity.

At the end of yesterday's hearing Mr Justice Sheen asked a witness from the Department of Transport if ships were capable of calculating their KG.

Mr Roger Taggart, a principal ship surveyor in the Department of Transport, initially said it would be "unwise to give an answer".

The judge said: "I am only asking you as to your view of what is happening today".

It had earlier emerged that Townsend Thoresen had to tighten their procedures, and Mr Taggart said "if one company had to do so, it is fair to assume that similar action is needed by other companies".

Mr Justice Sheen pressed him further, asking: "Do you think they are not ascertaining their KG today?"

Strikes lengthen passport delays

By Tim Jones

Businessmen and holiday-makers were last night warned that they face a delay of up to 16 weeks before their passports can be renewed.

The warning came as more than 100,000 members of Britain's two largest Civil Service unions ended 48 hours of industrial action aimed at forcing the Government to improve its 4.5 per cent pay offer.

The Civil and Public Services Association and the Society of Civil and Public Servants said that because of understaffing and high staff turnover, delays would exceed the present level of 10 weeks.

The unions, which are demanding increases of 15 per cent or £20 a week, intend to follow up their national stoppage with a series of 24 hour regional strikes.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Paymaster General, has already said the demand would fuel inflation and to concede it would be "unthinkable".

Mr Neil Kinnock has promised that, if elected, he will bring a swift end to the dispute by dealing with "the roots of the problem".

After trying to cope with considerable chaos on Monday, caused by the strike of assistant air traffic controllers, British Airways said its services were returning to normal and advised passengers to "turn up and take off".

In a separate development, the society plans to ballot members at the National Audit Office on a programme of industrial action.

The union claims that the action could seriously disrupt the Government's ability to control the expenditure of its departments.

The ballot decision comes after the rejection of a pay deal under which audit staff based in London would have received rises of 8 per cent and those in the regions 6 per cent.

Mr Bob Lushwhite, chairman of the branch, said: "This is the first time that members of the National Audit Office have ever threatened industrial action."

"It shows the level of dissatisfaction over management's divisive offer. They want to see a more even handed and fair approach."

Mr John Cherrymann, QC, for two British Coal nominated trustees, said that it had led to a breakdown in its management, putting at risk its assets and causing the interests of beneficiaries to be "gravely prejudiced".

In effect, the NUM committee was in control, although it represented only 30 per cent of workers in the area.

UDM members did not use it very much, if at all, Mr Cherrymann said. "The atmosphere is unpleasant and intimidatory, which arose during the conflicts of the coal strike and still continues".

The British Coal trustees intended to seek the appointment of a receiver to manage its affairs until a court decided its future.

But Mr Cherrymann announced that a last minute scheme for its future management had been devised which would resolve satisfactorily the issues and put the institute on a fair and proper footing.

Mr Gavin Lightman, QC, for the NUM appointed trustees, Mr Graham King and the Clydesdale Labour Party candidate, Mr James Hood, and the NUM committee, said they accepted the unsatisfactory description of the present state of affairs.

Rape is worse than murder, says judge

By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Correspondent

Another judge yesterday criticized courts over soft sentences for rape which he described as a crime "worse than murder".

Judge David, the senior circuit judge for Chester and north Wales, said he agreed that judges had been out of step with public opinion, which "regards rape as one of the most dreadful crimes any man can commit".

Nor could he dissent from the view that rape was worse than murder. "It is time we realized how serious it is."

Judge David's comments came the day after the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, criticized sentences of three and five years imposed on two men involved in the Ealing vicarage rape as "almost certainly too low".

Judge David was speaking at Mold Crown Court during the trial of a man from Aberystwyth, found guilty of raping his stepdaughter regularly when she was between 15 and 18, and indecency offences with her when she was 12. Sentence was adjourned until today.

The girl's mother was said to have known her husband was having sexual intercourse with her daughter and that he was obsessed with the girl but did nothing about it.

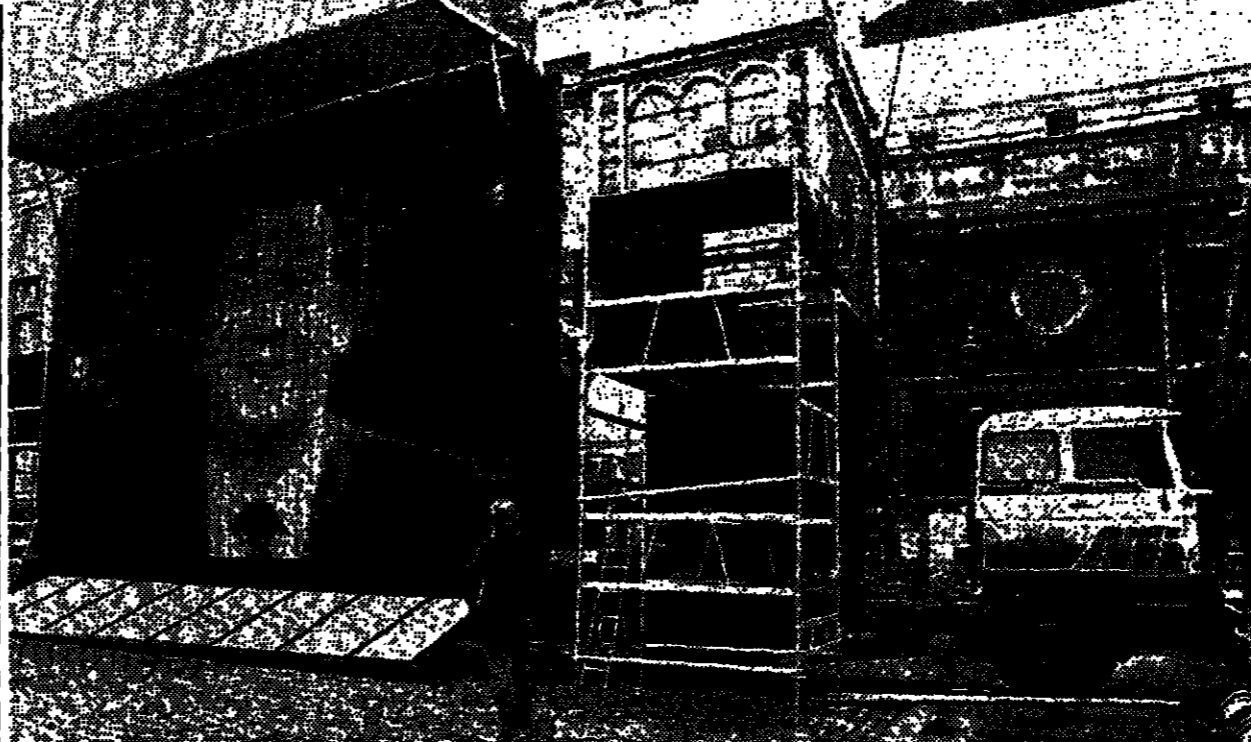
She and her husband obtained the contraceptive pill for her when she was 15. The couple allegedly told the doctor the girl had a boyfriend.

The defendant denied two indecency charges and three rape charges. One of the charges of raping the girl when 14 was dismissed on the judge's direction.

A child molester was released by a judge yesterday and told to control himself.

At Southwark Crown Court Judge Clarkson, QC, told Richard Green, aged 27, who has nine convictions for sexual offences against young girls, that he would take an "exceptional course" because he had not committed any offences for almost a year.

Green, of Steven Crescent, Harrow, north-west London, admitted two offences of outraging public decency in June last year and was sentenced to 18 months jail suspended for two years.



A screen test preparing the way for Placido Domingo, the opera singer, to be heard and watched free in the Covent Garden piazza, central London, last night during a performance of La Bohème, by Puccini, at the Royal Opera House. It was expected that there would be an audience of about 4,000 in front of the 20ft by 26.5ft electronic screen, which cost £45,000. The live relay, said to be possible in all weathers, is to be repeated on Friday (Photograph: Storm Stanley).

Smithfield firm in dispute says it will cease trading

By Staff Reporters

The company at the centre of a dispute over restrictive union practices at Smithfield announced last night it would cease trading at the market after the breakdown of more than four hours of talks with the Transport and General Workers' Union.

Earlier yesterday the first consignment of meat moved by non-union labour in more than a half-century was taken out of the market by staff employed by Allied Meat Importers.

Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the TGWU, which is fighting to maintain its monopoly on the appointment of workers, described AMI's decision as "provocative".

But the union, anxious to avoid a dispute over the archaic working practices on the eve of the general election, opted to call in Acas rather than invoke the strike action which the porters have voted overwhelmingly to support.

After the meeting at AMI's north London headquarters last night, the company's managing director, Mr Ove Nielsen, said that trading at Smithfield would resume only when agreement with the union was reached.

Behind the apparent climbdown is believed to be the fear that AMI's distribution network in Britain could be crippled in any official dispute with the transport union.

Employers at the Tenants' Association, will meet this morning to decide their next move in a dispute which has shut AMI's Smithfield outlet for almost a month and cost the company, owned by the Botswana Meat Commission, more than £500,000 in lost turnover.

AMI is refusing to take on a porter nominated by the TGWU and is insisting on having a choice of union porters. The City of London Corporation has given a warning that it will not go ahead with a £15 million refurbishment scheme until the current restrictive practices end.

Two years of negotiations between the traders and the union have failed to resolve the problem and, yesterday, London's Smithfield meat market is this week witnessing the kind of dispute which is rapidly becoming obsolete. Should unions still have the right to choose the workforce - especially when new technology has made their working practices out of date?

Employers say that one or two men with a forklift truck could do all the jobs now done by five or six.

Earnings are reported to be as high as £600 a week, but because much of Smithfield's work is completed early in the day many workers are free to do other jobs, such as cab driving.

Union power has been absolute. It is prohibited by the union to unload a lorry after 5am. This made sense in the days before refrigeration, but the time meat leaves central London in refrigerated lorries makes little difference now.

In the days of extreme union power employers found themselves doing nothing more than rubber-stamping the decisions of local shop stewards, especially in industries where "perishable" items were involved.

New technology and tougher managements have brought enormous change.

Dispute on control of police image

By Craig Seton

Labour councillors who plan to take control of the public image of West Midlands police are causing alarm among senior officers.

The Labour-controlled police authority has created a new, £22,000 a year position for an independent head of the force's public relations.

At present the position is held by Supt Martin Burton, who is answerable to the chief constable, but the police authority has insisted that his successor should be appointed by and be answerable to it.

Senior officers claim that the authority's plans are tantamount to "political control" of its crucial public profile.

Mr Geoffrey Dear, Chief Constable of the West Midlands, told The Times yesterday: "I am concerned that operational policing could be given a political flavour".

Mr Philip Richards, the Labour chairman of the police authority, which is interviewing candidates, denied that he was seeking control of the force's appointments.

He said: "I am of the opinion that the police have built up an image that they cannot keep up to."

"The new chief of public relations will seek the advice of and work closely with the deputy chief constable."

Search for lake killer cut back

By Stewart Tandler Crime Reporter

Police have scaled down the investigation into the death of Shani Warren, the woman whose body was found in a lake in Buckinghamshire two months ago, because of a shortage of manpower.

Thames Valley Police, the largest force in the country, reduced the number of officers involved last month from nearly 100 to 40, but yesterday it would not say how many were still on the case.

Yesterday an inquest into the death of Miss Warren, aged 26, of Neville Close, Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire, was opened and adjourned for four weeks at High Wycombe. It was told that she died from drowning.

Mr John Roberts, the South Buckinghamshire coroner, released the body.

Miss Warren's funeral will be held at St James's Church, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, at 2pm on Monday.

Day-after pregnancy test on the way

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

A simple technique that may eventually allow women to discover if they are pregnant just one day after conception has been developed by Australian researchers.

The technique detects a hormone-like substance called platelet activating factor (PAF), which is known to be released by the human embryo within hours of embryonic formation.

with ICI Australia, a subsidiary of the multinational pharmaceutical organization, which plans to develop and market kits based on the technique.

However, the pregnancy test kit is to be produced initially for use in research laboratories.

Biological tests to detect PAF have existed for some time but in a complicated form, Dr Brian Baldo, one of the researchers, said.

The new test involved only a few steps and its use did not require specialist knowledge.

Development of a kit for more general use, such as in hospitals and clinics, would have enormous market potential, but required more research, he said.

At present, pregnancy cannot be detected by routine testing until two to three weeks after conception.

Dr Chris O'Neill, another researcher at the Kolling Institute, discovered five years ago that PAF was released

animals has shown that the production of the chemical was necessary for the establishment of pregnancy.

If all went well, Dr O'Neill said he would be able to indicate whether the technique would provide the basis for an early pregnancy test in humans before the end of the year.

Research on PAF could also lead to new diagnostic techniques for heart disease, stomach ulcers, asthma, rheumatoid arthritis and other conditions with which the substance is associated.

Advertisement for The Victoria Wine Company featuring various wine labels like Campo Nuevo, Penedes, Raimat, and Vina Santa Elena, with descriptions and prices.

Large vertical advertisement on the right side of the page, partially cut off, mentioning '14 y wick of 10-' and 'Charities m'.

14 years for the 'wicked stabbing' of 10-year-old girl

By Howard Foster

A man who left a girl aged 10 for dead in an alleyway after he had attacked her with a knife was jailed for 14 years yesterday at Maidstone Crown Court.

Kelvin Chapman admitted attempting to murder Catherine Humphrey, whom he dragged into his car near her home in Minster, Kent, after asking her for directions.

The judge, Mr Justice Farquharson, told Chapman he had committed "about as wicked a crime as one could conceive" after the court was told that Catherine had tried to crawl home, leaving a trail of blood in the snow. She suffered six serious stab wounds and is still receiving treatment for delayed shock and mental scarring.

Miss Ann Curnow, QC, for the prosecution, said that the attack occurred on January 16 this year at a time when Kent was practically snowbound.

Catherine had been writing letters at her home in Pett's Crescent and had gone out to buy stamps when she was approached by Chapman, a bus driver aged 28, of Voltaire Road, Clapham, south London.

He got out of his grey car to ask her the way to a bank but, when the girl replied that she was new to the area, Chapman forced her into the passenger side of the car, pushing her head to the floor. He locked the door and got into the car, shouting at her: "Are you ready or your head will roll!"

He drove off with her but stopped soon afterwards and started to stab her. The force of the blows was such that the blade of the knife became detached from the handle but the girl "showed great presence of mind and somehow unlocked the door", Miss Curnow said.

She struggled free, leaving her coat and other items in the car, and made her way through an alleyway towards her home. She was in great

distress and kept falling down, leaving blood in the alleyway.

Catherine later told police she was "making a horrible noise", and Miss Curnow said that the girl had been "crawling home by instinct".

Eventually she collapsed and was found by an elderly priest who was unable to lift

her, but a school friend came past and raised the alarm.

The stabbed girl went into deep shock and began to ask if she was going to die. She remained in hospital for 40 days and is now back at school, but still suffering from the effects of her ordeal.

Police investigating the incident made an early breakthrough when a witness came forward to say that he had seen a grey car in the area of the attack on two occasions.

Detectives also traced the car to a hire company in west London where they learnt that Chapman had already hired another vehicle. They lay in wait for him at his flat in Voltaire Road, Clapham, and arrested him.

Chapman told police: "Over the past years I've got this pathological hatred for my wife. That little girl became my wife. I'm sorry. I was on acid at the time."

He then showed police where he had dumped the girl's coat and car mufflers.

Det Insp George Rogers, the officer in charge of the case, told the court that Chapman's previous convictions included the violent rape of a girl aged 15 in May 1984. He was jailed for three years but was released after two.

Detectives believe that Chapman's original intention had been to take the girl to the same place where he had committed the earlier rape, at Old Ridge woods, near Littlebourne, some 19 miles away, but he might have been thwarted by Catherine's struggle and the fact that roads to Littlebourne were blocked by snow.

Mr Michael Gale, QC, for the defence, said that Chapman had made a full confession to the police and a medical report had found no indication that he was suffering from any mental illness.

"This defendant specifically instructed me to advance no excuse for what he undoubtedly did", Mr Gale said.



Catherine Humphrey (second left), the girl aged 10 who was stabbed six times, with her mother, Pamela, (left), her sister Tracy (second right), and nephew, Damien, last month during her 40-day stay in hospital.

Envoy returns

Safely home — and still the diplomat

By Philip Jacobson

With a broad smile on his face and a child's push-chair under one arm, Edward Chaplin folded his lanky frame into the aircraft seat and pronounced himself "delighted" to be on the last lap for home.

A few hours earlier the British diplomat, whose abduction and beating by the Revolutionary Guard had touched off a tense diplomatic crisis, had flown into Frankfurt from the Iranian capital with his family.

Now they were London-bound, squinting into the lights of the television cameras that had followed them on board. While his wife, Nicola, was taking care of

nine-week-old Tom and Stephanie, aged three, Mr Chaplin exercised his professional skills by deflecting questions about the incident which had culminated in his being ordered out of Iran, along with four other British diplomats.

Looking fit, relaxed and apparently unscarred by the rough handling he received during the kidnap at gunpoint in the centre of the Iranian capital 12 days ago, Mr Chaplin would say only that his injuries had been "nothing terribly serious".

A Foreign Office official who was accompanying the family home reminded us more than once of the im-

portance of avoiding reporting anything that might inflame the still delicate situation in Tehran, where 13 diplomats remain in the British Interest section of the Swedish embassy (of which Mr Chaplin had been second secretary).

At one point, it appeared that Mr Chaplin, who was apparently kidnapped and held for 24 hours in retaliation for the arrest of an Iranian diplomat in Manchester for alleged shop-lifting, would face a series of formal charges, two of which carried the death penalty.

"Naturally it was a great relief to be out", was all he had to say about that and the unnerving last-minute hitch which had prevented him and

his family from leaving Tehran as planned a day earlier.

"Now we're just looking forward to some rest and relaxation." By then, Tom was asleep in the carry-cot and Stephanie's attention had returned to her toys.

Mr Chaplin is known to have grown fond of the Iranian people. Would he ever contemplate going back? "One day perhaps, but I can't say I have any plans to do so, and I shouldn't think anyone's very likely to ask me."

With that, it was off to their house in Cambridge and the beginning of a well-deserved holiday — "probably somewhere there aren't any telephones."

Portfolio Gold — Holiday for guards officer

A major in the Welsh Guards is the sole winner of the Portfolio Gold competition prize of £4,000. He plans to spend the money on home improvements and a family holiday to France.

Major John Henderson, aged 35, of Shrewton, near Salisbury, Wiltshire, who is based at Wilton, Wiltshire, is renovating a Victorian village house and said the money would go into the work.

He said: "I was hoping to take my wife and two young children on holiday to France this summer, but now we will definitely be able to go."

His wife, Jennifer, checked the winning numbers while he was out and the good news was broken when he returned from taking his daughter aged five to school.

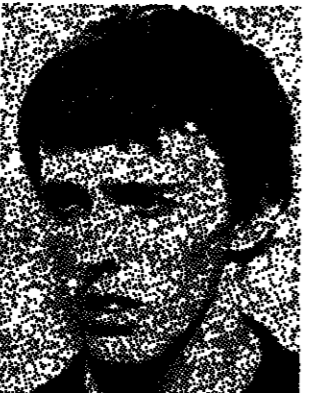
"I have been playing Portfolio regularly and reading The Times since 1980", he said.

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Major Henderson will spend some money on home.



Kelvin Chapman, who carried out the savage attack.

Oxford parties warning

By Sarah Thompson Education Reporter

Oxford students have been formally warned by the police and university authorities for the second year running to keep their noisy and "boorish" end of examinations celebrations off the streets.

The signs are that a constant police presence is winning the battle against the new and unwelcome Oxford tradition of celebrating the end of examinations by filling the city's main streets with broken champagne bottles, shaving foam, flour and other missiles.

Yesterday was the day the proctors dreaded most; the end of history finals, one of the largest schools in the university.

A year ago Miss Olivia Channon, daughter of Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, died in a room at Christ Church after a drink and drugs spree that began with an "end of School" (examinations) party in the High.

The proctors and Thames Valley Police have sent students tough letters warning them that "appropriate action" will be taken against students who do not take their parties straight back to their lodgings or college rooms.

Dr Peter Neumann, senior proctor, has told students: "The boorish behaviour exhibited on these occasions is a new phenomenon and is certainly not hallowed or excused by tradition."

"The public image of the university should not be one of irresponsibility, discourtesy and extravagant waste". The police and proctors, he said, were "anxious to avoid unpleasant confrontations between police and students" and he added that there was "plenty of scope for happy celebration within the bounds set by good manners and considerate behaviour."

Chief Supt John Goodenough told students: "The stupid acts of the few affect the well-being of the many. Appropriate action will be taken against those who do not heed this advice."

Two years ago students held up traffic day after day. Dr Neumann believes that students are now taking notice of the warnings.

Ten-point plan for better child health

By Michael Horsnell

Parents should be required to show proof of their children's immunization record when they start school, the National Children's Bureau said yesterday.

The recommendation is part of a new, 10-point plan aimed to improve the declining health of the nation's 9.5 million under-15s.

The bureau also suggested that if immunization levels had not reached 95 per cent by 1990 legal measures should be considered.

Professor Philip Graham,

chairman of the bureau's policy and practice review group, said: "Immunization should be considered a child's legal right. But with regional variations the level is only between 60 and 80 per cent. There are so many preventable conditions not being reported. Child health care is important but you wouldn't guess so from the party election manifestos."

The bureau's report, *Investing in the Future*, says that all the evidence suggests children's needs have even been given lower priority since the Committee on Child Health Services, chaired by Professor

Donald Court, reported to the Government in 1976.

Three in 1,000 children have handicaps.

Professor Graham, Dean of the Institute of Child Health at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, added: "Despite definite progress we cannot view the health and social conditions of many children and the development of child health services over the past 10 years with anything but deep dissatisfaction."

Among points raised by the bureau's plan for improvement are: ● A bigger role for parents

who should possess standard health records of their children.

● Preventive services should be organized on the basis of real primary health care teams, including a consultant community paediatrician.

● Systematic organization of school health services with a named doctor and nurse at each school.

● A personal advisory service with confidential counselling for adolescents within secondary schools.

Investing in the Future: Child Health 10 Years after the Court Report (National Children's Bureau, 8 Wakeley Street, London EC1V 7QE).

Charities meet poverty bill

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Charities are being inundated with calls from families who cannot afford to buy essential clothing and furniture previously provided by the Government.

The Welfare Association, which gives grants to the poor and disabled, has to refuse hundreds of applications from families who desperately need children's clothing, beds, cookers and other necessities.

Before 1980, people on Supplementary Benefit could get a grant, or single payment, to cover the cost of essential items of food, clothing and kitchen equipment. But in the past six years single payments have been reduced sharply.

They will be abolished entirely when new social security reforms are introduced next April, to be replaced by a loan system, the Social Fund.

"Charities already under great financial pressure are

now in the awkward position of having to relieve public funds", Mrs Joan Dixon, a Family Welfare grants officer, said.

Since the changes in single payments came into effect, applications had trebled and were still rising, she said.

Applications were coming in from parents who were too embarrassed to send their children to school in threadbare clothing or could not afford a winter coat.

"We have had requests for money for baby budgets from single parents in high rise flats, and a carpet to replace a dangerously worn rug in an old lady's flat."

Mrs Dixon said the charity had a fixed budget of £100,000 a year. "If we pay for these items we will be unable to fund new computerized devices for the disabled, the blind and the deaf."

The National Council for One Parent Families has been flooded with calls from single mothers anxious about the safety of their children crawling on floorboards in damp and draughty rooms because they have been refused single payments for floor coverings and curtains.

"The Social Fund threatens the health and safety of half a million single parent families", a spokeswoman for the council said yesterday.

Those with the most pressing needs and highest debts were the least likely to get help, she said.

The council, which has urged the Government to reconsider the proposals, is concerned that single parents, who have been victims of abuse, might be exposed to further threats and violence from former partners who could be liable to repay the loans.

PCs 'beat man on ground'

A woman told Cardiff Crown Court yesterday how she had seen the man with whom she lived assaulted by two police officers outside his home, in August last year. She had later been taken to see Mr Philip Howard's body where it lay in a police cell.

Mrs Megan Roberts, who lived with Mr Howard, and her daughter, aged 12, in Tylorstown, Mid Glamorgan, told the court how the two officers who arrested Mr Howard bent his legs behind him and held them there as he lay handcuffed on the ground. She said she saw one officer with his knee on Mr Howard while the other held him by the hair.

She said she told PC Harris, one of the two officers: "There's no need to beat him like that", and then asked if she could go with them to the police station because she was worried about him. His face was white and distorted and he could hardly speak, she said.

Later she described how she had been taken to see Mr Howard's body in the cells at Tonpentre police station. "Philip was lying on the floor with a dirty old blanket over him", she said.

Police Constables Jackie Harris, aged 37, of Talbot Green, Mid Glamorgan, and Stephen Riddick, aged 24, of Glynfach, Rhondda, Mid Glamorgan, both deny the manslaughter of Mr Philip Howard, aged 29, an unemployed labourer. The case continues.

Driver 'was talking before coach crash'

A coach driver turned repeatedly to talk to a passenger just before a crash in Spain in which three British tourists died, an inquest was told yesterday.

A passenger had spoken several times to the Spanish driver before the coach ploughed into a lorry parked in a lay-by in Tarragona, Hornsey coroners' court was told.

Mr Wilfred Davies and his wife, Valerie, both aged 56, of Elings Road, Enfield, died of multiple injuries and Mr Victor Wood, aged 61, of Stockleys Road, Northbury estate, Headington, Oxford, died of a collapsed heart.

The coach driver is facing legal action in Spain because of the accident.

Mrs Sybil Wood, a passenger, whose husband died, said in a statement that she was worried about the driver's actions.

She said: "I was not very happy about this because I felt it affected concentration."

Dr David Paul, the coroner, recorded verdicts of accidental death.

He said: "One of the lessons to come out of this is that it is the coach driver's concern to concentrate on his driving."

"But human nature being what it is, he can be easily distracted by the engaging in conversation of the driver with other people in the coach."

Eighteen passengers were injured in the accident last June.

Mr Martin Brackenbury, deputy managing director of Thomson Holidays, told the inquest that the coach firm had been used by his company for 15 years. There had been no similar accidents in that time.

Crash victims blame 'rogue' car

A "rogue" BMW car was yesterday blamed for "inexplicably" crashing into a lamppost causing injuries to a retired managing director and his wife.

Mr John Hurst, aged 73, and his wife, Dorothy, are seeking damages in the High Court from BMW (GB), and the authorized repair agents, Motortune, claiming there was either a manufacturing fault or negligent repair and servicing.

The companies deny negligence and blame Mr Hurst's driving for the accident on the Worthing to Brighton road in November 1982.

The couple, of Dolphin Square, Fimico, south-west London, said the BMW 735 had been "plagued with faults" from the day it was delivered in April 1982.

Mr Alan Newman, counsel for the Hursts, told Judge Canfield that Mr Hurst claimed there was a fault with the transmission or gearbox after just one month.

At two months the hand-brake had to be tightened and at three months the brake shoes had to be replaced.

Then, just seven months after it was delivered, the accident happened when the

car "suddenly and without warning swerved violently to the right and collided with a lamppost".

Mr Hurst, who had been driving for 40 years, suffered a broken leg and cuts to his face, but he had made a good recovery. His wife received broken ribs, and a spinal injury which has limited her movements.

Before the accident, Mr Hurst had noticed a noise coming from the car and it was due to return to the garage two days later.

The hearing continues today.

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Kinnock in emotive plea on future of the young

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock last night cast aside the minutiae of party policy and appealed directly to the hearts and emotions of voters by warning of the dangers posed by more Thatcherism to Britain's future generations.

On a day when Labour proclaimed itself as the party of the family, Mr Kinnock spoke eloquently of the dreams he had for his own children — and the hopes he maintained for all Britain's youngsters.

His emotive appeal to the conscience of the nation came four years to the day after he spoke in Bridgend, on the eve of Labour's humiliating 1983 general election defeat, when he warned that if Mrs Thatcher was re-elected people should not be ordinary, should not be young, should not fall ill, should not get old.

Mr Kinnock, speaking at a packed rally in Leeds, said Britain's children needed to live in a country that was not divided by privilege, poverty or poisoned by conflict. Britain's future generations needed a country not disabled by mass unemployment, not fractured by weak, partial and backward health and education systems.

He added: "The question is always, what will the outcome of this election mean for my children, what will it mean for the future of our country?"

And in a direct appeal to voters he went on: "When we know that we have to face the choice, each person of all politics and no politics have to ask themselves: 'Am I prepared to offer to the rising generation unemployment, under-investment in education, shortages in training?"

"Am I prepared to offer the young an environment that is abused and endangered, the tensions between races, the deepening divisions between rich and poor?" "Should

Britain's youngsters face a society where full opportunity was dependent on the ability to pay, where housing was priced beyond reach, where women were greater in number but permanently smaller in income and status?"

"They are the questions. They pose themselves with a starkness not known to any post-war generation of voters. And the reason for that is that we have a government and a Prime Minister that don't have the commitment shown to the children of this country and shown by every previous government since 1945."

The Labour leader compared Mrs Thatcher's unfavourable record against the governments of Winston Churchill, Harold MacMillan and Edward Heath and insisted he was not letting distance from those past Tory leaders lend enchantment to his view.

"Now we have a different brand of Toryism from a leader of the Tory Party, who within months of her election to that position in 1975 defined her attitude to the young by saying, 'Let the children grow tall and some taller than others if they have it in them to do so.'"

But Mrs Thatcher had interpreted that in the manner of a fundamentalist who wanted to carry on a Holy War. After eight years of Thatcherism she had ignored the two million children who lived in families that endured poverty. She had forgotten the children who went to under-funded, decrepit and deprived schools. And she had not thought of the children on hospital waiting lists or youngsters with handicaps and disabilities.

Far from helping the children to "grow tall" a re-elected Tory government would hamper vast numbers of children with further cuts in health, welfare and education.

Fastidious canvasser hoping to lead Tories home

By George Hill

A funeral party erupted from a rose-trimmed door in Cambridge's regenerated Kite district, splitting a band of Tory canvassers in two and parting the candidate momentarily from his "nimbers".

The blue rosettes yielded precedence to the black, and Mr Robert Rhodes James stood abstracted at the kerbside, brooding on mortality and oblivious to passers-by seeking to catch his eye.

But two jolly women in one of the funeral cars waved and grinned like anything as they drove away. Mr Rhodes James remained himself that life had its claims too, and turned back to the world of glad-handing.

"I got them to grass over this square", he told a waverling bearded voter. "It was an ugly car park before. *Si monumentum requiris, circumspice.*" he added, striving to regain the common touch.

Professor Rhodes James (he does not insist on the title) is not one of those MPs who went into politics to secure an excuse to walk the streets hailing everybody he meets.

He is a diffident and fastidious canvasser, though he leaves behind him an intangible impression that a benign and distinguished spirit has passed by.

As a technique, it seems to meet the expectations of many voters. A whole series of opinion polls have predicted that they will send him back to resume his donnish life at Westminster, writing political biographies and mildly deploring the excesses of monetarism.

A crew of hearty Tory undergraduates are rigging up a Battle Punt to carry the party flag up and down the Backs at election time. A "photo-opportunity" to gladden any agent's heart: but the candidate looks pained at the very mention of it.

"Robert's campaign has been non-existent", Mrs Shirley Williams, his SDP rival, says, bouncing off a lorry that was pasted all over with canary yellow stickers and decked with yellow balloons. Her own campaign in Cambridge has been extremely existent, despite the demands made on her as one of her party's principal national spokesmen.

The "Shirley factor" is acknowledged by all the can-



Mr Robert Rhodes James, powered by Miss Bryony Griffiths, a student, canvassing for the Tories in a punt on the River Cam in Cambridge yesterday.

didates to be an important element in the campaign.

For Tories, she is the slaughterer of the grammar schools — though Mrs Thatcher presided over more schemes of comprehensive reorganization than Mrs Williams ever did. Some Labour voters may still see her as one of the four arch-turcoats of the Limehouse Declaration.

Undergraduates seem to have no real views

The polls continue regularly to predict that she will be lucky even to beat Labour into third place. But her campaign has a zest that the others markedly lack and it clearly has an especial appeal to younger members of the university.

Cambridge is not an easy constituency to read. The Labour candidate, Mr Chris Howard, said: "No ward in the city is naturally Labour, Conservative or Alliance territory today. Determinist politics just do not apply here." Mr Howard is a teacher aged 35

from South Wales ("Kinnock territory"), with curly hair and a rueful air.

"The Alliance are making so much of tactical voting, but your best chance of getting rid of Thatcher is to vote for us", he tells doorstep voters, giving him a mixed reception on an unkempt council estate in the north of the constituency.

Micro-chip Cambridge is one of the most prosperous cities in Britain, and indeed in Europe, so it is no surprise if many voters have little inclination to change horses when things are going so well.

It is also a university town, with academic attitudes of both left and right usually in animated play. But the timing of the election means that much of the university has been convulsed during the campaign not with politics but with final examinations.

Dr Edward Norman, Dean of Peterhouse, said: "Such undergraduates as I've come across have no real views at all", as if undergraduates of any political colour are the last thing a dean would expect to come across.

Peterhouse is a college renowned for its right-wing leanings. It is parodied with a broad brush by Tom Sharpe in *Porterhouse Blue*, now being serialised on television. Mr Howard gained his doctorate at Peterhouse and, like the dyspeptic master of the college in the serial, his experiences there only reinforced his adherence to the left.

Doors in Cambridge have much the same reasons to feel a grudge towards Mrs Thatcher as their Oxford counterparts showed when they denied her an honorary degree. Professor R. M. Needham, head of the university computer laboratory, said: "Grant problems don't affect our department too badly because we get extensive support from overseas industry."

"I suspect other departments needing heavy apparatus suffer more and projects do face uncertainty about continuity of funding."

"But there is also a feeling of some cynicism among scientists as to whether an alternative government would be likely to reinstate spending."

Professor Stephen Hawking, Lucasian Professor of Mathematics, said: "I had no difficulty in deciding to vote Labour, but academic opinion in Cambridge is not the same as mine."

"It is different in my department — scientists are nicer people. And I think the question of research funds has had a big influence."

There is a feeling of cynicism among scientists

Old and young members of the university agree that undergraduates today are less inclined to the left than they were a few years ago.

Professor Bernard Williams, Provost of King's, a legendary hotbed of leftism, says: "Even in this college undergraduates are becoming more conservative with a small 'c' and with a large 'C' too, I suspect, for a minority. But it is still true that people working in universities are not particularly well disposed to the Government at present."

The Labour Party nationally sees the contest in Cambridge as a chance to win back voters who defected to the Social Democrats.

At a rally in the city on Saturday, Mr Roy Hattersley earnestly appealed to them to "come home to Labour". At last month's local elections, the Alliance made a particularly strong showing in the wards where university voters are concentrated. Disillusioned with Labour but resentful of spending constraints, university opinion may well be shifting towards the centre.

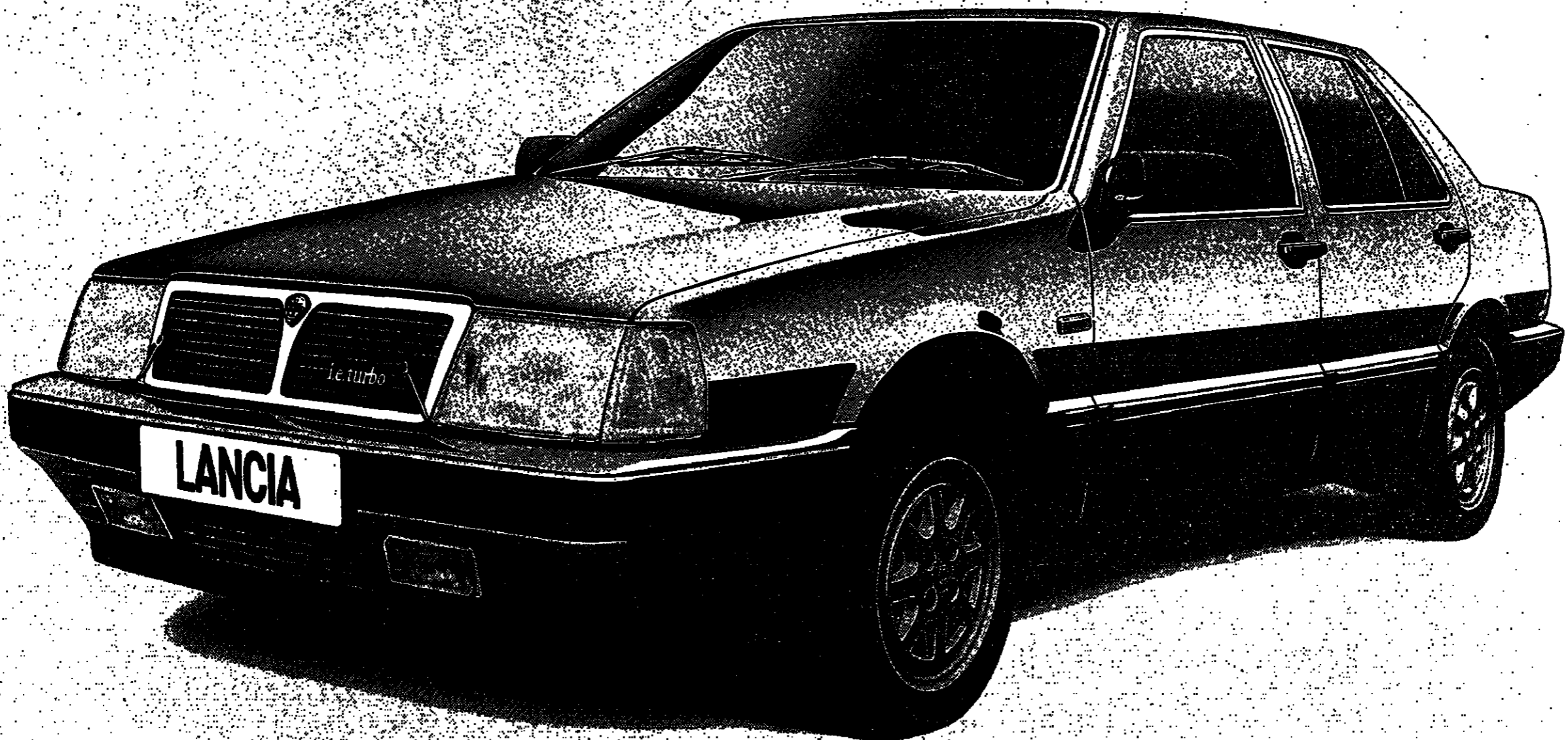
Two polls yesterday suggested that Mrs Williams may fail to win Cambridge (the Press Association reports).

The first, commissioned by Anglia TV, shows Labour on 35 per cent, Mrs Williams on 33 per cent, and the Conservatives on 28.5 per cent.

The second poll, for *The Cambridge Evening News*, showed the Conservatives on 35.2 per cent, Labour on 34.6 per cent, and the Alliance on 29.5 per cent. The survey questioned 580 people between Friday and Sunday

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Labour keeps up assault on health record of Tories

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Labour yesterday kept up its attack on the Tory's record on the National Health Service with a catalogue of horror stories about fifty wards, patients getting hypothermia in hospitals and women being transferred in labour from one hospital to another.

Three London consultants, sharing the stage with the party's health spokesman, Mr Frank Dobson, complained that the Tory's policy of putting ancillary services out to competitive tendering in the NHS had resulted in enormous reductions in domestic staff and appalling cleaning standards.

There had been a 50 per cent cut in domestic staff on wards at University College London, Dr John Yudkin, a consultant at the Whittington Hospital, North London, said. "Sisters and staff nurses are now expressing great anxiety about dirty wards, stale food kept under beds for days and filthy toilets," Dr Yudkin said. Laundry shortages had meant that many hospitals had no nightdresses or pillow cases.

"There has clearly been a vicious spiral of cutbacks leading to a loss of morale and a drop in recruitment making it very difficult for all NHS

workers. If we have another five years of this Government there is going to be very little left of the NHS," Dr Yudkin said.

Hospital buildings were in need of urgent maintenance work. Two patients had developed hypothermia at UCL, allegedly because the windows could not be shut properly. "Mrs Thatcher said before the last election that the NHS was safe in her hands. They must be pretty cold hands, belonging to a cold heart," Dr Yudkin said.

Mrs Wendy Savage, the consultant obstetrician at The London Hospital who was cleared of allegations of incompetence, claimed that a 15 per cent cut in bed numbers in London over the last six years had meant that there were not enough beds in maternity wards to assign to pregnant women when they attended for antenatal care. "Last week women were transferred in labour from Homerton Hospital in the City, to the Westminster Hospital because there were not enough beds," she said.

Earlier yesterday, Mr Dobson had come up with further examples to add to the case of the 10-year-old boy, Mark

Burgess, waiting 15 months for a hole in the heart operation. "Mrs Margaret Thatcher said last week that she can have hospital treatment any time, any day, any place. The vast majority of people are not so lucky."

Among other cases, he cited that of Mr David Stevenson, of Greatstone, Kent who was sent home for the third time after being admitted to have a hole in the heart operation at St Thomas's Hospital, London, because there were no beds.

The health spokesman's third salvo of the morning was against NHS pay beds, which he claimed were a financial drain on the NHS. "The Comptroller and Auditor General has already admitted that NHS pay beds lose money for the NHS as the cost of treating patients is much higher than the fees they charge," Mr Dobson said.

He said that recent figures from the Independent Hospital Group suggested that the NHS may be losing as much as £40 million a year from pay beds, which would nearly cancel out the £52 million which pay beds bring in to the NHS.



ELECTION SUMMARY

Ulster Unionists hope for hung parliament

The Ulster Unionist leadership in Northern Ireland is hoping that the election will result in a hung parliament in which they will offer support to either major party in return for the suspension of the Anglo-Irish agreement.

The Reverend Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, said that an inconclusive result would strengthen the position of Loyalists and they would present a "shopping basket" to parties who sought their support.

He said that they wanted closure of Maryfield in East Belfast, which houses the joint Anglo-Irish Secretariat, and the suspension of the agreement, followed by a round-table conference to seek a replacement and alternative to the accord. However, although most Ulster MPs want a hung parliament, Mr James Moynihan, leader of the Official Unionists, admitted yesterday that he was not pinning his hopes on such an outcome and believed that the Conservatives would be returned to office.

Poverty 'distorted' Silence on miners

A report claiming poor families have become worse off under Mrs Thatcher was described by Conservatives yesterday as "senseless distortion".

The Growing Divide by the Child Poverty Action Group said poor families with children suffered a drop in real income of between 15.7 per cent and 27.2 per cent between 1979 and 1985.

But Mr John Major, Minister for Social Security and the Disabled, said the report included in its assessment housing benefit as part of real disposable income in 1979, but excluded it later.

Mrs Glenys Kinnock denied yesterday that she has been gagged during the election campaign after declining comment on the refusal by the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers to recommend members to vote Labour.

Invited to speak about it in Nottinghamshire she refused and would only say: "I am not standing for office. Roy Hattersley and Neil Kinnock have already made their opinions very clear." It was her husband's "very clear opinion" that the UDM members should re-join the NUM.

Leaflet banned Advert complaint

Mr Robin Corbett, who is defending his Birmingham Erdington seat for Labour, has been granted a court injunction banning the distribution of a leaflet. He contends that the leaflet libels him.

Mr Corbett asserts that the leaflet, which was circulated in his constituency by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, distorts his views concerning abortion and the use of human embryos in scientific experiments.

The Advertising Standards Authority yesterday received its first complaint about an election advertisement. The complaint, which will be upheld, was that the Campaign for a Free Britain omitted an address from which further information could be obtained from two advertisements in *The Sun*.

In 1983, there were more than a score of complaints and the Conservatives had a complaint upheld against one of its posters attacking the SDP.

Strike off for election

The two largest teachers' unions will call off their series of half-day strikes at midday today to avoid disrupting schools which are being used as polling stations.

The National Union of Teachers and National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers yesterday called out up to 50,000 of their members in 52 education authorities, affecting 1,500,000 pupils.

The strikes are in protest against the Government's removal of collective pay negotiations. Last Friday schools in Kent were singled out to coincide with a visit from the Prime Minister. This week no special protests are planned.

General Younger sets out to conquer the North

By Gavin Bell

Any staff officer who has been in the field knows that an essential part of waging a successful campaign is adapting your tactics to the terrain.

Mr George Younger applied this maxim with mixed results when he flew north to rally his troops in Tory marginals in Edinburgh and mount a raid behind enemy lines in Fife.

The Secretary of State for Defence raised his colours in the secretive location of a Ferranti electronics factory during a visit from which the press was barred.

He was then accompanied by only two newspaper reporters as he sampled the wares of a brewery, recently bought by its management; that uses traditional Victorian techniques. Quite how these sorties were supposed to win over the masses was unclear.

A phalanx of blue rosettes

then assembled as we swept into the cosmopolitan town of Princes Street. But locals to be won over were hard to find.

"We are coming from Iceland", the first recipient of the Younger handshake replied. "Austrian", the next responded. "Hey, a Tory; Maggie and Ronnie right on," a colourful Texan lady said enthusiastically. The western alliance, at least, was in good shape.

Then, at last, a constituent, in the dejected form of an unemployed youth lounging in a shop doorway. "There's a shortage of people with skills," Mr Younger assured him. "Aye, but there's nae jobs though," came the response in the clipped accent of Lothian.

After lunch, a Royal British Legion retirement home offered more promising terrain. The old soldiers and diminutive women in their Sunday

best listened politely as Mr Younger explained the importance of maintaining our nuclear deterrent.

A question and answer session revealed that the attack had been launched on the wrong front. "What about our pensions, sir, we've an awful job getting by these days—can't you do anything about the rates, Mr Younger?"

Our commanding officer faltered before this unexpected flurry of small arms fire, but Lord James Douglas-Hamilton was able to step into the breach. The young lord, an awfully nice chap in the best traditions of Wodehouse, is defending one of the smallest Tory majorities, 498 votes in Edinburgh West, with steady resolve but impeccable manners.

He countered the old soldiers with an anecdote about how his father, in 1933, be-

came the first man to fly over Mount Everest and thereby gained the respect that helped him to found Scottish Aviation, now the most successful division of British Aerospace, which just went to show how courage and initiative could secure jobs for Scotland.

But the first hint of real combat came with a warning from Mr Younger's Special Branch minders that a hostile "welcoming committee" was gathering at a primary school in Rosyth, where he was to address a public meeting. That was cheering news and Mr Younger smiled with satisfaction.

It should be observed that Mr Younger was taking a considerable political risk in engaging the enemy at close quarters before the cameras of BBC Scotland. It is something that Labour leaders rarely have to contend with; Conser-

vatives are not given to turning up in force to heckle socialist rallies.

For more than two hours the battle swirled around charges that Mrs Thatcher was responsible for the impending loss of 1,000 jobs at the naval dockyard near by. Mr Younger fired back that Labour's plans to scrap the Trident programme would inflict a severe double blow on Rosyth, leaving it jobless and defenceless.

An attempt to overwhelm him with a bull-horn was cut short by a call from the floor: "If you'll be quiet we'll all get a chance to hammer him."

Mr Younger approvingly joined in the applause which greeted this remark. He was clearly enjoying himself and, by common consent, valiantly defended the Conservative standard.

SAYINGS OF THE DAY

- Labour have simply no idea where they are. Their deception takes away one's breath — Mr John MacGregor, Chief Secretary to the Treasury.
- Mrs Thatcher's policy is to confront everyone with the choice between pain and disabling illness on the one hand and paying for private treatment on the other — Mr Bryan Gould, Labour campaign coordinator.
- The criticism I would make as a professional is that, if they set out to deceive and conceal, they have failed — Mr Norman Tebbit, Conservative party chairman.
- She [Mrs Thatcher] is grown up, she is a politician. She is a professional, so am I. There is no point in whingeing about it — Mr Neil Kinnock.
- If we have another five years of this Government there's going to be little left of the NHS — Dr John Yudkin, consultant physician.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

I would select three who will be able to look back on these next few weeks with some satisfaction. Mr Kenneth Baker has not had the easiest of tasks. To have to spend time explaining what it was that the Prime Minister really meant is not the best way for a departmental minister to launch complicated new proposals on such a sensitive topic as schools.

I was unable to see him in action myself as I travelled around the country. But I was able to speak to many Conservatives who had been impressed by his performance. That should stand him in good stead when Mrs Thatcher does retire.

Mr George Younger is another who has won praise. Personally popular and quietly persuasive, he would be the obvious compromise choice in any succession struggle. He would offer a very different style of leadership: the chairman of the Cabinet, rather than a dominating force. But by that time the party and the country might want a little less domination.

Mr Heseltine does not seem to me a likely successor after his resignation. But he too has had a good campaign, not only working strenuously but evidently being more widely appreciated by the party in the country than I had expected.

Mr Tebbit, by contrast, must have lost ground as the chairman of the party conducting a campaign which is thought to have been less than a model of good organization and political perception.

For the Alliance the two Davids have waged a poorer contest together than either of them could have done separately. In a sense their strengths can be complementary. But because they have different skills and approaches they have managed to inhibit each other.

The fault has not been too many joint appearances: look how they disagreed over serving with Mrs Thatcher when they campaigned separately. It is simply that joint leadership, itself has not worked.

For the Labour Party Mr Kinnock's skill and verve has been the feature of the campaign. It must have increased his personal authority within the Shadow Cabinet and the party at large. For how long? That will be one of the most critical questions for the future of British politics.

More changes up Labour's sleeve

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

ISSUES PENSIONS

A Dutch auction over increases in the state retirement pension has tended to drown out discussion of Labour's radical tax proposals on pensions and the big difference of approach between the Conservatives and the other parties.

But yesterday the row over Labour's "secret manifesto" began to spill over from tax into the pensions area.

Labour's bid for the pensioners' vote has centred on an increase in the single pension of £5 a week and in the pension for a married couple of £8. The Alliance proposals are more modest with an increase for poorer pensioners of £3.70 and £5.75 for married couples.

The Conservatives promise only to maintain the value of the pension, pointing out that total government spending on state pensions and benefits for the elderly has risen since 1979 by 29 per cent in real terms. They say that higher inflation, which the other parties acknowledge their economic policies would entail, would cut into pensioners' savings, and claim that the retired have seen their income grow by 7 per cent a year compared with a drop of 3½ per cent a year under Labour.

Aside from the commitment to higher state pensions, Labour's manifesto is more or less silent on plans affecting the retired. But as in other areas of the tax system the party has additional policies with important implications.

Talking to the magazine *Pensioners* last week Mr Neil Kinnock disclosed that Labour would severely limit the tax advantages attaching to the popular "lump sum". At present pensioners are allowed to draw a limited part of their pension entitlement in the form of a lump sum on which (unlike their pension) they are not liable for tax.

Labour proposes instead to apply the much less generous regime designed for company "golden handshakes". This would mean that only the first £25,000 would be tax-free and the remainder would be taxed at half the marginal tax rate applying in the final year of work.

Mr Kinnock also confirmed that all tax reliefs would be restricted to the basic rate. As

Women start to get parties' attention

By Sophie Witter

ISSUES WOMEN

Compared with the big issues of this election, women's concerns have not received much coverage, but for the first time it has become clear that they are a specific target group in need of special policies.

Three of the four main parties have appealed to the female half of the electorate with proposals for positive action for jobs, health and representation.

The Conservatives maintain that women share essentially the same needs as men. Their manifesto names few treats in store for women (the exceptions being improved treatment of rape victims and comprehensive breast and cervical cancer screening).

Labour and the Alliance are loath to treat women as the vulnerable sex, but they agree that social and family conditions put extra burdens and restrictions on women, without the removal of which they will never be able to gain equal status, freedom and choice in the running of their lives.

Both advocate positive action as well as the removal of existing disabilities and the differences between them are mainly of style.

Barometer seat indicates a Tory win

By Craig Seton

POLL WATCH

A Marplan poll has given the Conservatives a 9 per cent lead in the marginal constituency of Birmingham Yardley, a "barometer" seat where the party of the victorious candidate has formed the government in every general election since 1959.

According to the poll in *The Birmingham Evening Mail* yesterday, the Conservatives had 44 per cent support (43 per cent in 1983); Labour 35 (36) and the Alliance 21 per cent (20).

The seat was held by Mr David Gilroy Bevan for the Conservatives with a majority of 2,865 in the 1983 general election. On the figures in the Marplan poll, Mr Gilroy Bevan would increase his majority to about 3,800.

The Marplan poll was conducted in the constituency on Friday, when 1,035 people were interviewed. It is a blow to the Labour Party.

If such support for the Conservatives was repeated

OPINION POLL RATINGS

Field work	Poll	Con	Lab	All	Oth	Size	Published
May 13	Marplan	41.0	30.0	26.0	3.0	1,020	Daily Express
May 13-14	Harris	42.0	33.0	23.0	2.0	1,040	Observer
May 11-14	MORI	44.0	30.0	25.0	1.0	1,521	Sunday Times
May 17-18	Harris	42.0	32.0	24.0	2.0	1,058	TV-am
May 18-21	Marplan	41.0	33.0	24.0	2.0	1,072	Today
May 18-23	Harris	43.0	36.0	20.0	1.0	1,075	TV-am
May 19-20	Gallup	42.0	33.0	23.0	2.0	2,840	Daily Telegraph
May 21	Marplan	41.0	33.0	21.0	2.0	1,177	Observer
May 20-21	Harris	41.0	34.0	22.0	3.0	1,056	Observer
May 20-21	MORI	44.0	31.0	24.0	1.0	1,328	Sunday Times
May 20-22	Gallup	42.0	33.0	23.0	2.0	1,432	Sunday Telegraph
May 22-25	Harris	42.0	37.0	21.0	1.0	1,075	TV-am
May 25	Marplan	42.0	36.0	20.0	3.0	1,085	Today
May 25-27	Gallup	44.5	36.0	18.0	1.5	2,508	Daily Telegraph
May 26-29	Harris	45.0	32.0	19.0	1.0	1,067	TV-am
May 28	Marplan	44.0	32.0	21.0	3.0	1,563	Guardian
May 27-29	MORI	44.0	32.0	23.0	1.0	1,188	Sunday Times
May 27-29	Gallup	41.5	34.0	22.5	2.0	1,271	Sunday Telegraph
May 27-28	Harris	41.0	37.0	21.0	1.0	1,072	Observer
June 1	Marplan	44.0	33.0	21.0	2.0	1,063	Today
May 30-2	Harris	42.0	36.0	20.0	2.0	1,573	TV-am
June 2	NOP	42.0	34.0	20.0	3.0	1,989	Independent
June 2-3	Gallup	40.5	36.5	21.5	1.5	1,573	Daily Telegraph
June 4	Marplan	44.0	34.0	20.0	2.0	1,576	Guardian
June 5	Marplan	43.0	35.0	21.0	1.0	1,063	Today
June 3-4	Harris	44.0	33.0	21.0	2.0	1,267	Observer
June 3-4	MORI	43.0	32.0	24.0	1.0	1,805	Sunday Times
June 3-5	Harris	43.0	33.0	22.0	2.0	2,102	TV-am
June 4	Marplan	43.0	32.0	21.0	3.0	1,576	Guardian
June 3-6	Gallup	41.5	34.5	21.0	2.0	1,576	Sunday Telegraph
June 8	Marplan	46.0	32.0	21.0	2.0	1,575	Guardian

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A wet Walker bounds eagerly towards the winning post again

By Alan Hamilton

The rain is teeming down in stair-roads. Mr Peter Walker, coatless under an umbrella, bounds along a Worcester suburban street at the gallop...

"Hello, how are things? All right? Jolly good", booms Mr Walker across the sleepy afternoon. Only one woman refuses an invitation to meet him...

Mr Walker has been Worcester's MP for 26 years and enjoys considerable

personal standing in the constituency. He prides himself on the Saturday morning surgery he has held with unfailing regularity throughout his long tenure...

"This is my ninth election in Worcester. On every occasion my opponents have moved into the city a few months before, and disappeared afterwards never to be seen again."

He recalls a poll conducted by The Economist in 1979, soon after local and parliamentary elections were held on the same day...

results it showed that Mr Walker had received a bigger personal vote over and above the Tory swing than any other MP.

In two weeks' time he will open a £60 million Japanese machine tool factory providing 700 jobs for Worcester...

"They looked at sites all over Europe. I persuaded them to come here because of our good labour relations, large potential markets in the West Midlands, and our engineering tradition..."

businesses; no fewer than 300 turned up. On the doorsteps of the neat "sems" in the safely blue St Stephens ward he is asked several times what the Tories will do for the pensioners...

His constant public theme is social development through a strong economy. In private, as befits the Secretary of State for Energy throughout the coal dispute, he warns to the theme of Mr Arthur Scargill...

"There were always four things that Mr Scargill wanted: the return of secondary picketing, the avoidance of his having to stand for re-election, the abolition of nuclear energy at a time when our oil and gas are beginning to run down...

Labour's election campaign. "Not only the unions but the whole of the militant left have been keeping remarkably quiet. It follows the classic Livingstone GLC tradition: win the election first then kick out the moderates afterwards."

All the while he is proceeding up the rainswept street, while his workers encounter countless dogs and even more houses with no one at home...

The wet Mr Walker, with a 10,871 majority last time, already appears home and dry in Worcester. The Cabinet, however, is another matter.

Silence on miners

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Alliance makes 'thoughtful vote' the main target

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Alliance leaders said yesterday that almost a third of the voters had not made up their minds how to vote and that, according to their private polls, half of those would prefer the Alliance to share power rather than to have a Labour or Conservative government.

Pinning their faith on what they called the "thoughtful voters", they predicted a strong surge of support for the Alliance during the last 48 hours of the campaign - just as they had often achieved in by-elections - as voters swung against the idea of giving the Conservatives "unfettered power".

Despite their apparent failure to make headway on the issue, Dr David Owen and Mr David Steel returned to the questions of constitutional reform with which they had opened their election campaign, saying that the central question in British politics was the introduction of proportional representation, first in local government and then in national government.

Dr Owen told a press conference in London that proportional representation was "the only mechanism to rescue the country from the

slough of despond". A Bill of Rights, a Freedom of Information Act, fixed-term parliaments and the like were not "airy fairy ideas" but the essential ingredients of good government.

Mr Steel said that as a coalition partner in a balanced parliament the Alliance would be willing to have a referendum on proportional representation. It would press for proportional representation immediately in local government and in elections to the European Parliament.

Once people had had the experience of voting in those elections "we would be certainly willing to put proportional representation for Westminster to a public referendum if we had to. We would do that with great confidence and we could get proportional representation for Westminster later in the same parliament."

The Liberal leader conceded that Labour had run a "splendid campaign", but only in "showbiz" terms. Now its policies were unravelling and coming to pieces in its hands.

He predicted that not only would the "undecideds" swing to the Alliance: So would

people who had previously intended to vote for Labour in constituencies where doing so would have no effect and, so would "One Nation" Tories who did not want to see Mrs Margaret Thatcher win too big a majority.

Mr Steel said: "The power of the Alliance is now in the hands of ordinary people. It is the power to deliver in government more of the policies that they want and less of the policies that they fear."

The Alliance, he said, was the movement with both a heart and a head.

Asked if the Alliance could get away with appealing to people's intelligence, Dr Owen said that to suggest otherwise was insulting the electors.

Dr Owen added: "There is a clear majority of people who believe in a market economy but also have a social conscience. There is a clear majority of people who believe in a sensible defence policy but don't understand why you should have eightfold increases in nuclear arsenals."

"There is a clear majority for the values for which the Alliance stands, and yet it may be immensely hard to mobilize."

Wavering Winchester wooed

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Dr David Owen spent the penultimate day of the election campaign touring key marginals in the affluent South yesterday, urging wavering Conservatives to listen to their consciences and vote Alliance.

In the market places of Salisbury and Winchester, two hotly contested seats high on the list of Alliance targets, large crowds littered with hecklers turned out to hear the SDP leader condemn the insensitivity of the Conservatives towards unemployment and the welfare state.

"We are saying to people who are prosperous that they have a responsibility for the unemployed and the health service", he said in Winchester.

"We are not trying to buy your vote. We are challenging your consciences. We are assuring you that it is possible to care about people and about costs, to marry a highly efficient, productive, market-oriented economy and at the

same time live up to our obligations to help the pensioner, the disadvantaged and the disabled."

In Salisbury, Dr Owen was narrowly missed by a tomato as he admonished Tory backers: "You may have jobs here in Salisbury, you may not be in Salisbury, you may not be in Liverpool, those in the North, people who have been out of a job for three or four years. What's going to happen about them?"

He condemned what he labelled the WIMF factor - "What's In It For Me?" - of the Conservative Party.

"You may buy some votes. You may buy enough votes in some constituencies. But there are many people who are in jobs, reasonably well off, who are ashamed of allowing a situation to continue where other people are not able even to contribute to society."

"These are not layabouts. These are not youngsters without any educational achieve-

ments. Some of them are people who left school with many O levels, some indeed with A levels, and still are unable to find a job."

"I make no apology whatever for coming to Salisbury, prosperous Salisbury, and reminding you of the problems of the other part of the country and I do not believe in this constituency that there is not a conscience that can't be awoken."

He said that the Alliance could awaken that conscience by talking sense. It was against unilateral nuclear disarmament, repeal of trade union reform and "clobbering" the police. "At the same time it is ready to see investment in education, health and other areas which most people in this country want."

He added: "You have a reasonable obligation to try to alleviate the hardship and distress which is the responsibility of this Government."



A stoic glare from Gladstone as Dr Owen prepares notes for a press conference at the National Liberal Club in London (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Over-exposure to the Dewey factor

By Allan Massie

In the American Presidential election of 1948, the opinion polls showed Governor Dewey running ahead of his rival, Harry Truman.

Trying to account for the Governor's defeat in the actual election, the pollsters interviewed people who had said they would vote for him.

Many confessed that they had changed their minds at the last minute, when a picture of Dewey's smug face and neat moustache flashed before their eyes.

Labour's absolute reliance on Mr Kinnock's personality may backfire on them by bringing the Dewey factor into play.

He has hardly been off our television screens. No doubt this was a calculated gamble. Mr Kinnock had to make a deep and favourable impact if Labour was to win the election.

There is no doubt that in the first fortnight of the campaign he did just that. But it may have been overdone. He was good on television and his personality was pleasing, but it is beginning to grate.

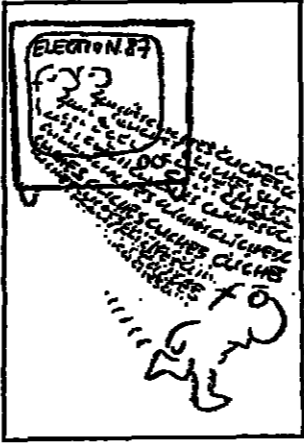
He seems rather too pleased with himself now, with the danger that he could be looking as smug as Governor Dewey. If he is never stuck for words, he is sometimes, as a businessman told him on Election Call, at a loss for the answer.

MEDIA WATCH

Mrs Thatcher has rationed her appearances, probably to the benefit of her campaign. Her performance on Panorama was the most effective single show I have seen from any politician in the course of this election.

It could not convert those for whom she is "She-who-must-be-obeyed" and the Wicked Witch of the West rolled into one. But it must have sufficed a few sinews and brought thousands of the faint hearted back into the fold.

Sir Robin Day pressed her hard enough and delivered from her passionate and yet good-mannered expressions of faith. It was riveting television. Everyone has personal



responsibility for his or her actions. Man is given freedom of choice. Time and again she came back to that.

What about the health service? Resources don't come from the Government, they come from the taxpayer. In 1979, every family of four was paying £11 a week to the NHS; this year they are paying £27. You can only pay more for the health service if you create more wealth. There is an economic basis for every desirable action.

What then, asked Sir Robin, brandishing a report of the Church Commission, did she think was an acceptable level of employment?

There is no acceptable level of unemployment, she said, but let Sir Robin consider a few facts.

"We had suffered from massive overmanning, which was hidden unemployment. We cannot resist the technological revolution which destroys many jobs." She did, however, resist the temptation to say that if Mr Harold Wilson had really managed to loose the white heat of technology back in 1964, a good deal of the unemployment would have come sooner.

For 10 years we had had more school leavers than people retiring and, finally, "no government in the free world can guarantee everyone a

job". The Soviet system might - but at what a cost.

And the nuclear deterrent? Did not Chernobyl prove, as Mr Enoch Powell suggested, the madness of nuclear weapons?

She glowered at the mention of Enoch, but an argument started from the wrong place. Chernobyl proved the significance of nuclear weapons, which were even more of a deterrent as a result. Nato was a defensive alliance. "If there is no attack, there will be no war."

What about the chiefs of staff in the event of the Kinnock government? "They have to make up their own mind. Each person is responsible for his own decision. I know what I would do. I couldn't be responsible for the men under me in that situation."

If you missed the show but can happen on a record of Marlene Dietrich in the Café de Paris in, I think, 1955, you may get the feel of it. The real stars have the real authority.

Mind you, stars can be dashed from their courses; they can be tough to live with. The French got rid of de Gaulle. That is the Aristides factor, the Greek statesman exiled by his fellow citizens because they were tired of hearing him call "the Just".

Who will come out on top tomorrow, Dewey or Aristid-

All-party boost for rights bill

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A large majority of candidates from each of the main political parties is in favour of a Bill of Rights, according to the results of a survey published yesterday.

At present both the Conservative and Labour Parties are officially opposed to such a reform.

The survey shows that of the 661 candidates who replied, 72 per cent of Conservatives, 79 per cent of Labour and almost 100 per cent of Alliance candidates are in favour of a Bill of Rights.

The survey was conducted by the lobby group Rights.

Correction

The nominations for Bedfordshire North published yesterday should have included Mr C Sleec (GOBPC).

G Kitchener is not standing as Green Party candidate in St Ives. In Wexford the SDP/All came second in 1983. The following constituency was omitted from yesterday's guide: ASHFORD, Electorate 70,052 (65,442): Speed, K (C); Macmillan, N (SDP/All); Wiggins, M (Lab); Porter, A (Grn); 1983: C maj 13,911 ('sitting member).

£70m campaign to unite all parties

Barely a month after tomorrow's election, politicians of all colours in Sheffield will be putting party differences aside for a campaign of a very different kind.

The city is the British contender to host the World Student Games in 1991 and a delegation will be travelling to present Sheffield's case to the games' ruling body on the eve of this year's event in Zagreb.

Sheffield is spending some £300,000 to project its bid. There are ambitious plans to spend up to £70 million on a building programme to provide the amenities and venues to satisfy the 7,000 athletes and officials if the city heads off expected competition from Rotterdam, Stockholm, Madrid and the USA.

All the main political parties have put their differences aside when they have perceived that the interests of Sheffield would be best served by unity in the bid for the games.

Unemployment in Sheffield stands at 16 per cent and in the last eight years 47,000 jobs have been shed in the steel industry; a further 20,000 jobs in the surrounding region have gone in the restructuring of the coal industry in the aftermath of the miners' strike, which badly dented the economy of Sheffield.

Apart from two brief periods of Tory rule, first in 1933 and then 1968, city council politics have been firmly socialist for the last 60 years. One of Sheffield's proudest achievements was its policy of

low bus fares, for 12 years until deregulation the cheapest in the country. The council employs 33,000 people and argues that without its policy of sustaining a high level of public services, including contracts with 900 private sector firms locally, unemployment would be even higher.

As it is the city is £70 million above the Government's rate-cap limit. Labour argues that it has protected 7,000 jobs, but critics complain that the price has been in sky-high rates which have frightened business away.

There are six constituencies within the city and in five the majorities are so large that voters tend to be weighed rather than counted.

Sheffield Attercliffe, Brightside, Central and Heeley are all solid Labour strongholds with the smallest majority being 8,368 and the largest 16,790. The city council lead-

er, Mr Blunkett, inherits a majority of 15,209 in Brightside from the retiring left wing MP, Miss Joan Maynard. If Labour were to lose any one of those seats it would be a sure sign that the end of the world was at hand.

The only Tory island, both in Sheffield and South Yorkshire as a whole, is Sheffield Hallam. This takes in the leafier and more prosperous parts of the city and has been in the custody of Sir John Osborn. He retires from Parliament at this election after almost 30 years, leaving his successor, Mr Irvine Patnick, a local councillor, a majority of 11,774.

However, it is the sixth seat, Sheffield Hillsborough, home of one of the city's two football teams, Sheffield Wednesday, which is the most interesting constituency. It is the only one which has any chance of changing hands tomorrow.

Geographically it is the largest constituency in the city, covering almost half of its land area, with 76,000 voters. Before boundary changes in 1983 it, too, was a safe Labour seat. But at that election, rather against the national trend, Mr Martin Flannery, the sitting Labour MP, managed to hold on with a majority reduced to 1,586. This was a lead of just 2.8 per cent over the Alliance candidate, Mr David Chadwick, a local councillor and leader of the Alliance group on the city authority.

Labour has fought an intense campaign in the seat.

Both Mr Flannery's agent, his son Jim, and the Conservative candidate, Mr John Sykes, a local businessman, claim that the Alliance campaign has collapsed. It would, of course, suit both their aims to say that and the claim is vigorously denied by Mr Chadwick.

For Labour there are two doorstep issues. One is the transport concern, especially among the elderly and those on the far flung reaches of the constituency. The other is the party's promise to increase pensions and, for the worst off, to bring in a £5 a week special payment for the aged during winter. In a city notoriously cold it is an offer that many pensioners - and Sheffield has perhaps the highest percentage of elderly in the country - may find irresistible.

The Conservatives, however, say that the question of defence has been uppermost in those they have canvassed. They claim that many would-be Labour voters will be backing Mr Sykes as a protest against Mr Kinnock's policy.

The Alliance believes it has every chance of taking the seat if it can convince Tory supporters that the only way of ridding themselves of a left wing Labour MP is to cast their vote for Mr Chadwick. The candidate himself says that his performance in 1983 means people now believe he can win and a vote for the Alliance is not a wasted one.

Peter Davenport

Tough country for the campaigners

For Mr Ronald Bernie this has been a quiet election. No one has canvassed his opinion, not a single leaflet has been thrust through his letterbox and the keenest candidate has not succeeded in button-holing him for his vote.

As one of the duty guardians of the Muckle Flugga lighthouse north of Shetland, Mr Bernie has been loftily isolated, watching the ocean roll by from the top of his 200-foot tower, quite the most northerly and unapproachable voter in Britain.

A helicopter will arrive to supply a relief crew and remove Mr Bernie and his two colleagues to Lerwick in time for polling day, but endless hours scanning the grey waste of ocean have not guided him towards any great political certainties.

"We all got fed up with watching it on the telly", he said. How he would vote was a private matter.

This is tough country for politicians. Not only are communities separated by dangerous stretches of water but the two groups of islands also have sharply different views of the outside world.

Significantly, this is the only seat the Scottish National Party is not contesting.

That decision was taken partly through indifference to Mr John Goodlad, aged 30, campaigning on behalf of the Shetland and Orkney movements for more local control of local affairs. Unlike the SNP, the autonomy groups do not favour independence for

either Scotland or the islands, but autonomy is next best and the SNP has never done well here.

Mr Goodlad is chief executive of the Shetland Fish Producers' organization. He had just returned from a two-hour voyage by fishing boat through boiling seas from the Out Skerries, a remote group of islands.

There he addressed 40 people while a force nine shook the community hall. "Central government should be a lot more responsive to matters of local importance", he said over the howl of the wind.

In the islands these issues were fishing, farming, fish farming and the knitwear industry all of which, in the

movement's view, would benefit from having stronger, locally based control.

The Government's community charge in place of rates was likely to be bad for both Orkney and Shetland and should be amended. So too should any EEC legislation over milk quotas that would oblige the islands to import milk when they were self-sufficient.

Autonomy has been a popular cause ever since the offshore oil industry appeared here.

Mr Goodlad is challenging Mr James Wallace, aged 32, the Alliance sitting member, who looks strongly placed to retain the legacy left by Lord Grimond.

With a 20 per cent lead over the Conservatives, the Liberal Party succeeded in winning support equally from both groups of islands.

Local fears about the nuclear industry and plans to bury waste in Orkney and Shetland and re-process radioactive material for the rest of the world at Dounreay on the mainland side of the Pentland Firth could be held against Mr Richard Jenkins, aged 36, the Conservative candidate, whose party is strongly perceived as pro-nuclear.

Mr Jenkins, an Orkney sheep farmer, concentrates on the future of the islands after the oil has stopped flowing into the Sullom Voe and Flotta terminals.

Mr John Aberdein, aged 41, assistant principal at Stranmillis Academy, aims to raise the traditionally low level of Labour support by promoting the party's employment policies which, he says, would bring at least 500 more jobs to the islands by tripling the home-building programme.

He also supports commitment to abandoning the fast reactor programme. With such hostility towards the nuclear industry by three of the four main candidates, there would seem to be sparse pickings for Mr Grieron Collier, aged 43, who is campaigning for the Greens. Mr Collier argues that a vote for him would be a more emphatic "No" to the nuclear industry.

Ronald Faux

CONSTITUENCY PROFILE

Orkney and Shetland

- CANDIDATES
J. Wallace (L/All)
R. Jenkins (C)
J. Aberdein (Lab)
J. Goodlad (OSM)
G. Collier (Grn)

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Where do the parties stand?

As the nation goes to the polls, here are the parties' latest positions on 21 key issues

Reporting by Roland Radd, Nicholas Wood and Michael Dwyer



THE ECONOMY	Conquest of inflation first objective. Firm control of public expenditure. Government borrowing reduced. Competition increased.	National Economic Summit to identify what action Government, employers and unions need to take to increase investment and contain inflation. £3 billion borrowed to help pay for jobs and anti-poverty programme.	Incomes policy to control inflation with "inflation tax" to penalize companies paying large increases. Firms encouraged to pay wage increases through profit-sharing schemes. Independent Pay and Information Board set up to secure fairer public-sector pay.
EMPLOYMENT	Unemployment to be reduced through business expansion. Community and Jobs Clubs programme expanded; all school-leavers under 18 offered place on Youth Training Scheme or lease benefit; 18 to 25-year-olds guaranteed place on Job Training Scheme or Enterprise Allowance Scheme or in a Job Club within one year; Restart service available at six-month intervals to unemployed over six months.	Unemployment to be reduced by one million in two years. Jobs created in repairing and building of houses, hospitals, schools; the transport system and sewers. Annual cost: £6 billion. Statutory national minimum wage.	Unemployment to be reduced by at least one million in three years through a £3-4 billion reflationary package costed by independent auditors. Long-term unemployed guaranteed jobs through building and investment programme; recruitment incentive for companies; education and training programme; creation of new jobs in health and social services; expansion of job release scheme.
INDUSTRY	Support for denationalization and deregulation, extending competition. Support for the open multinational trading system against protectionist pressures. Spending on research and development to be directed towards areas of national priority.	Will create Ministry of Science and Technology, with more funds for research. Investment encouraged through British Industrial Investment Bank and a capital repatriation scheme. Long-term aim: more state control.	Industrial investment bonds introduced. National Insurance contributions cut by 25 per cent. Incentives for companies which spend more money on training. Office of Fair Trading to be strengthened.
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS	Introduction of legislation enabling individuals to stop their unions calling a strike without first calling a secret ballot. Protection of individual trade unionists from disciplinary action for refusing to join a strike they disagree with. Election of union officials every five years by independently supervised postal ballots. Limit abuses of the closed shop. New safeguards on the use of union funds.	Union legislation repealed in favour of new laws strengthening legal rights of representation. Protection against unfair dismissal; employment protection to all workers. Right to hold secret ballots maintained; pre-strike ballots now part of official policy. Trade union membership restored to GCHQ.	Will extend postal ballots and internal elections; opposed to pre-entry closed shops. Disputes to be referred to independent arbitration, single-union no-strike deals to be encouraged. Trade union rights restored at GCHQ, single-union no-strike deals encouraged.
PRIVATIZATION	Continuation of programme, including water and electricity.	Existing programme to be halted. Private shareholders in British Telecom and British Gas to be offered choice of money back or new government securities. Policy of "social ownership" replaces nationalization.	Will not reverse present state of privatization, but against the further privatization of water and electricity. Will consider the privatization of British Steel.
HEALTH	Efficient health service first priority. New building schemes completed and others introduced over the next three years. Cervical cancer screening extended; national programme for breast cancer screening developed. Maintain freedom of choice between private and public sectors.	Promise of annual 3 per cent real growth in NHS spending and "significant" cuts in prescription charges. Pledge of clamp on private health care — phasing out of pay beds and doctors to spend less time on private work. Hospital waiting lists to be reduced by computerizing bed allocation.	NHS budget increased by £1 billion over five years; waiting lists reduced to maximum of six months within five years. Innovation fund set up to tackle inequalities in health care. People looking after elderly and handicapped in their own homes entitled to special benefit.
HOUSING	Home ownership increased; mortgage tax relief unchanged. Improvement grants targeted to least well-off. A right-to-rent sector will be encouraged; assured tenancies extended; housing benefit system revised. Tenants will be given the right to form co-operatives and the transfer of ownership. Reform of structure of local authority housing accounts.	Promise to spend £3.8 billion in first two years in power on house building, improvement and repairs. Mortgage tax relief maintained at standard rate of income tax. Right to buy maintained; council tenants to be given cash sum to help buy a private house; subsidy to be equivalent to discount under Tory right-to-buy scheme; receipts from council-house sales invested in new houses.	Partnership and rent-a-room schemes to expand rented sector. Selective housing assistance to those most in need. Mortgage tax relief limited to standard rate of income tax. Right to buy maintained; council house sales proceeds spent on new housing. Home incomes plan for elderly.
EDUCATION	National core curriculum with testing at ages 7, 11 and 14. State schools will be able to opt out of the LEA. Governing bodies and head teachers to control their own budgets within five years. Network of City Technology Colleges will be established. Assisted Places Scheme will be expanded to 35,000 and student numbers by 50,000 by 1990.	Private education to be dismantled, although unlikely to be completed in the life of a Parliament. Nursery education for all three and four-year-olds. Links between parents and teachers improved. Further education "maintenance allowances" for 16 to 18-year-olds. Teachers' negotiating rights to be restored.	Education, training and science to become one department. Negotiating rights restored to teachers. One year's pre-school educational experience for all. Schools to have full charge of their own budgets. Higher education places to rise by 20 per cent in five years.
TAX	Income tax rate to be cut to 25p in the £. Higher tax brackets reduced from current ceiling of 60 per cent to halt the brain drain. Veto on EEC proposals to end the right of individual countries to decide VAT exemptions.	Tax cuts reversed, wealth tax introduced. Married man's allowance and ceiling on National Insurance contributions scrapped, penalizing some families in £15-26,000 bracket.	Tax and benefit system and National Insurance contributions merged with income tax. No more tax cuts, married man's allowance frozen.
BENEFITS AND PENSIONS	Family credit for low-income families; framework of benefits for disabled people to be improved. Value of state retirement pension to be maintained; tax incentives for personal pensions.	Child benefit increased by £7.36 a week for first child and £3 for others. Maternity grant increased and new disability income scheme phased in. Long-term supplementary benefit rate extended to long-term unemployed. State earnings-related pension scheme restored.	Child benefit increased by £1 per child a week; maternity grant of £150 for first child; £5 a week increase in family credit. Creation of charter for disabled. £6 a week increase for poorer pensions. Christmas bonus doubled.
DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS	Continued membership of NATO. Retain independent nuclear deterrent, and modernize it with Trident. Continue to increase effectiveness of conventional forces. Support multilateral arms control negotiations. Maintain foreign aid programme to developing nations. Rejection of apartheid in South Africa, but no trade or economic sanctions.	Non-nuclear defence policy. Trident cancelled; US nuclear weapons removed; decommissioning of Polaris to be delayed if US-Soviet Union talks on intermediate-range missiles are followed by negotiations on strategic missiles. UK to remain in NATO and conventional forces expanded. Department of Overseas Development and Co-operation set up; aid budget doubled to UN target of 0.7 per cent. Comprehensive mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa.	Almost certainly cancel Trident, maintain and modernize Polaris. Support for NATO and multilateral disarmament, dual-key control over cruise. Improve conventional defences. Increase overseas aid to reach UN target of 0.7 per cent of GNP. Selective sanctions against South Africa.
N IRELAND	Uphold Anglo-Irish Agreement. Continue to work for a devolved government involving Catholics and Protestants.	Support for Anglo-Irish Agreement; emphasis on economic renewal.	Supports Anglo-Irish Agreement. Reform of Diplock courts — three judges to preside over non-jury trials.
CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM	No plans.	Create Freedom of Information Act. Repeal Section 2 of Official Secrets Act. Create elected Scottish Assembly and Wales Economic Planning Council.	Proportional representation for local, European and general elections after referendum. Freedom of Information Act, Bill of Rights. Elected Scottish and Welsh Assemblies; fixed-term parliaments; reform of Whitehall, Commons and Lords.
RATES	Legislation to replace the domestic rating system by a fixed-rate community charge for local services, payable by everyone over 18, except the mentally ill and elderly people living in special homes and hospitals.	Abolition of Rates Act. Scottish poll tax legislation to be repealed.	Local income tax to replace rates.
LAW AND ORDER	Reintroduction of Criminal Justice Bill. Reform of law on extradition to assist fight against international terrorism. Increase police numbers. Strengthen law dealing with the sale and possession of offensive weapons.	More police on the beat. Crime-prevention grants for homeowners and tenants. Expansion of Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.	New Ministry of Justice to strengthen right to legal aid. Further 4,000 police officers on the beat; local police stations re-opened. Security grants to pay for Entryphones and security locks; introduction of Crime Prevention Units.
ENVIRONMENT	Commitment to maintain the Green Belt. Support for small-scale developments without damaging the countryside or its wildlife.	Creation of Ministry of Environmental Protection. Increased investment in land reclamation. Legislation to provide access to all common land. All forms of organized hunting abolished. New strategy for nuclear waste.	New Department of Environmental Protection to encourage "green" growth. Green-belt protection introduced, tough penalties against polluters. Energy efficiency and conservation plans. Freeze on nuclear power.
WOMEN	No plans.	Ministry for Women to ensure equal rights at work.	Equal representation for women on all appointed boards within a decade. Tax allowance to help with child-care; tax on workplace nurseries removed.
IMMIGRATION	"Firm and fair" immigration controls. New bill would make it easier to expel those who had overstayed their permitted time.	"Fair and firm" immigration control to ensure no discrimination on basis of race, colour or sex.	Need for immigration controls accepted, but would repeal part of the 1981 British Nationality Act
AGRICULTURE	Continued support for reform of CAP. Support for early devaluation of the Green Pound.	Support shifted away from commodities in favour of farmers in need. Farms offered for rent; cuts restored.	Reform of CAP; revenue targeted to less favoured areas. Farm Bank will offer finance at reasonable rates.
SPORT	Encouragement for competitive sports in schools and colleges, and for use of their facilities by the local community.	Support Sport programme to provide resources for playing fields etc. Wider use of school facilities.	New ministry will take responsibility for leisure. Wider community use of existing sports facilities encouraged.
THE ARTS	Maintain support and continue to encourage private funding. Greater access to national treasures.	Creation of Ministry of the Arts and Media. Protection of BBC independence. 40,000 new arts jobs promised.	New ministry for the arts, broadcasting, films, publishing, leisure and recreation. Funding decentralized.

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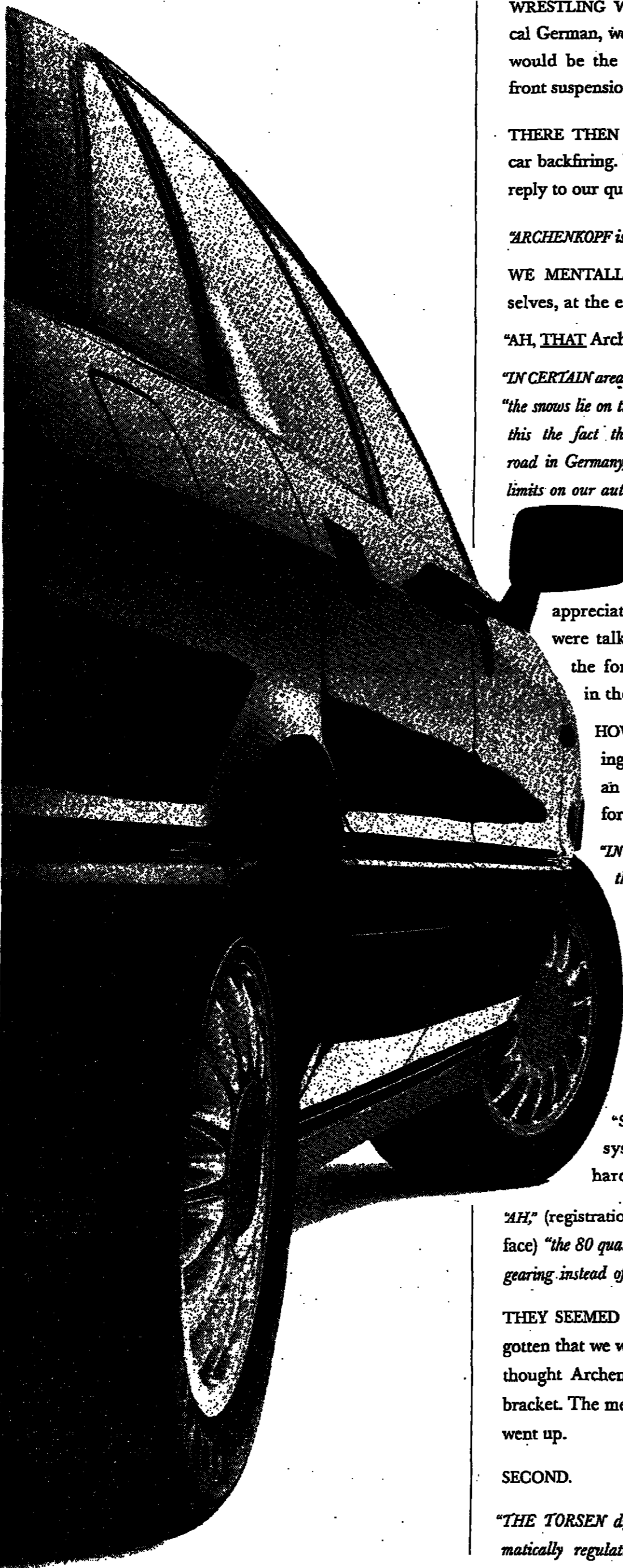
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WHY HAD THE ENGINEERS AT AUDI PRODUCED A QUATTRO VERSION OF THE 80?

FIXING US WITH AN ICY STARE, THEY REPLIED, "KENZENKOPF, DIENSTHÜTTE SCHWARZAU UND ARCHENKOPF."



WRESTLING WITH our limited technical German, we hopefully posed, "That would be the archenkopf behind the front suspension bracket?"

THERE THEN followed a noise like a car backfiring. Unfortunately, it was the reply to our question.

"ARCHENKOPF is a place."

WE MENTALLY inserted the word 'Dummkopf' ourselves, at the end of this statement.

"AH, THAT Archenkopf?"

"IN CERTAIN areas of Germany," they continued more patiently, "the snows lie on the ground for over six months of the year. Add to this the fact that there are thousands of miles of mountain road in Germany, we're the only European country with no speed limits on our autobahns, and the logic of a quattro 80 becomes impeccable."

AS IMPECCABLE as the Audi engineers' English accents, in fact. You have to appreciate that the particular Audi engineers we were talking to possess some of the foremost technical minds in the world.

HOWEVER, THEY were obliging enough to change down an intellectual gear or two, for our benefit.

"IN 1980, when we introduced the quattro system, it was a feature unique to on-road cars. We then demonstrated its effectiveness both on the rally circuit and on the road. Now, less than eight years later, most of the world's major manufacturers have adopted a version of it."

WE, HOPEFULLY, adopted expressions of genuine admiration.

"SO WHAT makes the Audi 80 quattro system so different?" In retrospect, a fool-hardy question.

"AH," (registration of extreme delight on Audi engineer's face) "the 80 quattro uses a Torsen differential. This employs worm gearing instead of the usual bevel-type differential pinions."

THEY SEEMED to have completely forgotten that we were the simple folk who thought Archenkopf was a suspension bracket. The mental gear-changing now went up.

SECOND.

"THE TORSSEN differential is able to automatically regulate the torque distribution."



The basic geometric arrangement of the centre differential, with an equal torque split, is retained."

THIRD.

"THE NORMAL torque distribution between front and rear, determined by the design, can be varied by the Torsen differential."

FOURTH.

"IT FEEDS torque to the slower turning pair of wheels with the least amount of slip under acceleration, or the pair of wheels following a smaller radius in a corner, or those with the larger dynamic rolling radius."

WE ATTEMPTED to apply the brakes.

"HOW DOES this affect the handling characteristics?"

THEY SUDDENLY seemed to remember who they were talking to, and adopted the benevolent expression of a father gently explaining to his son the merits of not running onto a busy road without looking.

"WELL, SIMPLY, it's more suitable for high performance cars, and more compatible with ABS than some of our rivals' systems."

TO BE frank, the tone of their reply didn't seem to invite the question "Which rivals?"

"HOWEVER, IT'S also possible to relate other factors of the German environment to the development of the 80 quattro."

"FOR EXAMPLE, we have more miles of autobahns than any other European country and no speed limits, so the thinking behind the 80's excellent drag factor of 0.29 becomes clear."

"WE SPENT over 2,500 hours in a wind tunnel to achieve this."

WE ASSUMED the 'we' referred to the cars, although they were all of considerably sleek appearance.

"AND OF course, there's the German weather, and the amount of salt our countrymen like to lavish on the roads during winter. So we gave the Audi 80 a fully galvanised body. Galvanised steel is naturally ten times more resistant to rust than ordinary steel."

"BUT THEN every detail of the 80 has been studied, from the grade of steel used on the boot lock key, to how the windscreen wipers might affect a pedestrian in the event of an accident."

"IN OTHER words," we offered, "everything has been subjected to 'Vorsprung durch Technik.'"

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WORLD SUMMARY

Soviet pledge on atom inspection

Geneva - In tabling a new draft nuclear test ban treaty, the Soviet Union said yesterday that it will accept "unconditional and mandatory on-site inspection" by international teams for verifying compliance (Alan McGregor writes).

Mr Vladimir Petrovsky, deputy Foreign Affairs Minister, said that challenge inspection could be carried out "surely in less than one week". Mr Petrovsky, who put forward the Soviet bloc draft in the 40-nation UN disarmament conference, said that procedures for nuclear test verification differed from those necessary in verifying any ban on chemical weapons, for which Moscow favoured the British initiative of explanations if suspicions were aroused.

Accused 'not Ivan' to China

Madrid - The only Spanish survivor of the Nazi death camp at Treblinka has sworn before a judge that the man on trial in Israel for war crimes, Mr John Demjanjuk, is not "Ivan the Terrible" who operated the gas chamber pumps (Harry Debelius writes).

Señor Joachim Garcia Ribes, aged 86, who escaped from the camp in Poland in 1943, gave his sworn testimony in Sabadell on Monday at the request of a court in Jerusalem, because he is too old and weak to make the trip to testify in person.

He said that "Ivan the Terrible" had a small head whereas the man on trial has a large head; and added that "Ivan" was 42 in 1943, so today he would be 86. Mr Demjanjuk is only 73.

New clash at the Wall

East Berlin - Rock fans clashed with police early yesterday for the second consecutive night when they were barred from hearing the last concert of a three-day rock festival outside the Reichstag, across the Wall in West Berlin (John England writes).

About 2,000 fans protested at police barriers in the Brandenburg Gate area. Some threw fireworks and bottles at the police, who retaliated with truncheons and made about 50 arrests.

Views on Ozal in Falklands air mishap

Buenos Aires (Reuters) - Britons gave their views yesterday on Argentine state television on the Falkland Islands dispute, and most of those portrayed criticized Mrs Thatcher's stance on the disputed islands.

"I don't see the point in Britain keeping the Falklands. I think it's stupid," one middle-aged woman on a London street said during the "vox pops".

One young man said: "There should have been at least an attempt at negotiations" during the bloody 10-week war in 1982. Others said the islands rightly belong to Britain and that Argentina had blown the dispute out of proportion.

Pope jolts Polish regime as he criticizes communism

From Roger Boyes, Lublin, Poland

The Pope yesterday praised a murdered Solidarity chaplain as a model for all young priests, as he catalogued the deficiencies of communism and touched on his own hopes of spreading the Christian faith to the Soviet Union.

He made his comments on the second day of a seven-day pilgrimage to Poland in an address to the Catholic University of Lublin, the only Catholic university in the communist world, where he himself studied.

The Pope, who had prayed on his knees at Majdanek concentration camp, only seemed at his ease yesterday, when addressing young ordained priests in Lublin. This occasion gave an unpleasant jolt to the authorities when the Pope named Father Jerzy Popieluszko - murdered by the secret police and glorified by communist officialdom - as one of a number of Polish priests who were worthy of emulation.

Coupling Father Popieluszko's name with that of St Maximilian Kolbe, the Pope made clear that he will fight for the memory, perhaps even the beatification, of the Solidarity chaplain.

Lublin, in parts still an attractive city, was the farthest east and the closest to the Soviet Union that the Pope had travelled. The Soviet border lies only a few miles from where the Pope was speaking. He thus understandably stressed the importance of the christianization of Slav countries and held out his hopes of bringing all of the Eastern bloc, including the Soviet Union, back into the Christian orbit.



The Pope arriving yesterday at the wartime Nazi concentration camp of Majdanek in eastern Poland.

The papal hint, however, was veiled; a planned trip to the Soviet Union is still a distant, if coveted, prospect. For the time being, Lublin is as close as he will get.

In his speech, he also said that the university should "think over many questions of social life, structures, organization of labour, all the way to the very premises of the contemporary state organism from the point of view of the future of the young generation in Poland". In other words: the communist system was not answering any of the social problems raised by intellectuals or suffered by young people.

Pollution of the environment and the freedom of learning were also key subjects dealt with by the Pope yesterday. His pilgrimage - the third to Poland - is thus developing into a much more political affair than expected.

The approach is not to challenge the communist leadership directly - he is after all the guest of the Polish leader, General Jaruzelski - but the system of belief that underpins it.

Again and again, the Pope is saying that the communist system is incapable of satisfying spiritual demands and that Poles must stay with God if they want real change.

"The freedom of human spirit is threatened not only theoretically but also by practical issues, by the system and scale of values. By an ethos (or anti-ethos) that is one-sidedly technocratic, by the spread of consumerism, and by various kinds of totalitarian systems."

Full texts of the communiqués from the Venice summit

Venice (AP) - The following are the texts of declarations on East-West relations, terrorism and the Gulf War issued yesterday at the seven-nation economic summit here:

EAST-WEST

We, the heads of state or government of seven major industrial nations, and the representatives of the European Community, have discussed East-West relations.

1. We reaffirm our shared principles and objectives and our common dedication to preserving and strengthening peace.

2. We recognize with pride that our shared values of freedom, democracy and respect for human rights are the source of the dynamism and prosperity of our societies. We

renew our commitment to the search for a freer, more democratic and humane world.

3. Within existing alliances each of us is resolved to maintain a strong and credible defence which threatens the security of no one, protects freedom, deters aggression and maintains peace. We shall continue to consult closely on all matters affecting our common interests. We will not be separated from the principles that guide us all.

4. Since we last met, new opportunities have opened for progress in East-West relations. We are encouraged by these developments. They confirm the soundness of the policies we have each pursued in our determination to achieve a freer and safer world.

5. We are following with

Fawn Hall defends her Marine boss at Contra hearing

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Miss Fawn Hall, the former White House secretary who has provided a gripping and detailed portrait of an attempted cover-up in the Iran-Contra affair, yesterday fiercely defended Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the enigmatic Marine who was her boss.

Her testimony has been devastating to Colonel North, a fact that seemed to pain her. Congressional investigators believe she has said enough for prosecutors to build a strong criminal case against the Marine for destroying and smuggling away secret documents.

At times she seemed to be apologising directly to her former boss, whom she helped to destroy incriminating evidence. "I believe in Colonel North," she said.

Miss Hall told how Colonel North worked 12-hour to 14-hour days, often not leaving the office until midnight or later and rarely taking lunch. She described him as a man deeply dedicated to his country, a man not motivated by money, greed or power.

She said he showed no anger after President Reagan fired him from the National Security Council when the scandal was being exposed. Miss Hall, however, cried.

She was asked during her second day of testimony to the Iran-Contra hearings on Capitol Hill to cast some light on the motivation and personality of Colonel North, who was variously described by congressmen as an "enigma" and "mystery man". She rejected the word "zealot", saying that he was a positive person who did not like to give up. When

there was a crisis, he was the man called on to handle it.

She confirmed that he was a prime planner of the Grenada intervention. He had taken part in efforts to eliminate the death squad problem in El Salvador. He was involved in planning the US bombing of Libya, in attempts to free American hostages in Lebanon, and in fighting terrorism against Americans.

But it was her testimony about the attempted cover-up that gripped investigators. She told for the second day yesterday how she had studied secret, incriminating National Security Council documents in her boots and under her clothes and smuggled them out of the office after it had been sealed off by the FBI.

She acknowledged that in the panic of events last November she and Colonel North's deputy, Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Earl, agreed not to disclose that they had removed documents. Her testimony has dispelled any suggestion that President Reagan and Colonel North were in frequent contact.

She said that documents she shredded on instructions from her boss included logs of telephone calls and coded messages from his operatives.

Miss Hall is testifying under a grant of immunity. Colonel North has also been granted limited immunity and is expected to testify publicly next month. He is already in legal trouble. Court papers revealed yesterday that he was held in contempt of court last month for refusing, on constitutional grounds, to provide a sample of his handwriting.

GULF WAR

We are agreed that new, concerted efforts on the international level are required urgently to bring the Iran-Iraq war to an end.

We favour the earliest possible end to the war and keeping the territorial integrity and independence of Iran and Iraq intact. Both countries have suffered grievously from this long and tragic war.

Neighbouring countries are threatened with a possible spread of the conflict. We call once more upon both parties to negotiate an immediate end of the war.

We strongly support the mediation efforts of the United Nations Secretary-General, and urge the adoption of just and effective measures by the UN Security Council.

With these objectives in mind, we reaffirm that the principle of freedom of navigation in the Gulf is of paramount importance for us and for others, and must be upheld.

The free flow of oil and other traffic in the Strait of Hormuz must continue unimpeded. We pledge to continue to consult on ways to pursue these important goals effectively.

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We appreciate US efforts to negotiate a balanced, substantial and verifiable reduction in nuclear weapons. We emphasize our determination to enhance conventional stability at a lower level of forces and achieve the total elimination of chemical weapons.

We believe that these goals should be actively pursued and translated in concrete agreements. We urge the Soviet Union to negotiate in a positive and constructive manner. An effective resolution of these issues is an essential requirement for real and enduring stability in the world.

7. We will be paying close attention not only to Soviet statements but also to Soviet actions on issues of common concern to us, in particular Poland.

We call for significant and lasting progress in human rights, which is essential in building trust between our societies. Much still remains to be done to meet the principles agreed to and commitments undertaken in the Helsinki Final Act and confirmed since.

We look for an early and peaceful resolution of regional conflicts, and especially for a rapid and total withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan so that the people of Afghanistan may freely determine their own future.

We encourage greater contact, freer interchange of ideas and more extensive dialogue between our people and the people of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

8. Thus, we each seek to stabilize military competition between East and West at lower levels; to encourage stable political solutions to regional conflicts; to secure lasting improvements in human rights; and to build contacts, confidence and trust between governments and peoples in a humane world. Progress across the board is necessary to establish a durable foundation for stable and constructive relationships between the countries of East and West.

TERRORISM

We, the heads of state or government of seven major democracies, and the representatives of the European Community, assembled here

Advertisement for OBAS beds. The headline reads "BACK SUFFERERS! The relief you've been waiting for". It features an image of an OBAS bed and text describing the benefits of the bed, including relief from back pain and improved sleep. The ad also includes contact information for OBAS, including their address in London and a phone number.

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French tackle record drink problem with TV ads ban

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The French Government has decided to ban all advertising of alcoholic drinks on television and radio in a bid to reduce France's world-record consumption of alcohol which it blames for soaring health costs and the annual carnage caused by drunken driving on French roads.

Alcoholic drinks will continue to be advertised in the written press, on posters, and in the cinema, but the publicity will be subject to strict controls, including a compulsory accompanying message stating that the product in question should be drunk in moderation.

Draft legislation imposing the ban was introduced into Parliament yesterday by way of an amendment to the Government's Bill on drunken driving, which seeks to double the present penalties for driving with over the legal limit of alcohol in the blood.

Drunken drivers causing fatal injury could face up to four years' imprisonment.

Alcohol is said to have been responsible for nearly 5,000 of the 11,000 deaths on French roads last year. It was also directly responsible for another 20,000 deaths from cirrhosis of the liver.

In addition, alcohol is said to be a leading contributing factor in 60 per cent of premeditated homicides and 20 per cent of all serious crime in France.

Although French per capita consumption of alcohol has halved over the past 25 years, it still remains the highest in the world, excluding Luxembourg, where duty-free frontier sales artificially inflate the statistics.

In 1985 the equivalent of 13.3 litres of pure alcohol per inhabitant over the age of 14 was consumed in France, double the rate in Britain.

Last month the Government was reluctantly forced to raise contributions to France's state-run health insurance scheme — despite its pledge to reduce the burden of taxation — as part of an emergency package of measures to reduce this year's forecast deficit of 24 billion francs (£2.4 billion) in the overall social security fund, of which the health scheme is a part.

Alcohol abuse was blamed for being an important contributory factor to the soaring health costs.

Smoking was also blamed, and a 2 per cent increase on all tobacco prices has been imposed from August 1 this year, the proceeds of which will go directly into the health service fund.

All radio, television and cinema advertising of tobacco has been banned in France for the past 10 years. Tobacco

advertising in the press is also strictly controlled.

Despite these restrictions, the proportion of regular smokers in France has fallen only from 44 per cent to 38 per cent over the decade.

There was an outcry from doctors and many MPs when the Government decided last year to allow the advertising of alcoholic drinks up to a certain alcoholic content on the newly created television channels, but the new legislation will annul this provision.

However, nothing has been done to limit the indirect advertising of alcohol and tobacco on television, where the heroes and anti-heroes of French fiction will continue to booze and smoke as much as before.

The private television channels are already protesting that the new ban could reduce their revenues by up to 10 per cent.

Greenpeace boat rammed in warship protest



An Australian police launch rammed the Greenpeace ketch Vega in the Brisbane River yesterday. Greenpeace was protesting at a visit by the American guided-missile frigate USS Ramsey, which the environmental group claimed was carrying nuclear arms (AP reports from Brisbane).

The Vega spread an anchor chain across the mouth of the river, where the Ramsey was to arrive.

"The Vega could have been sliced in half if we hadn't pushed it out of the way," police said. "They were endangering the lives of everyone on board." Three members of Greenpeace were arrested.

The Ramsey is visiting Australia for the 45th anniversary celebrations of the Battle of Midway, which stopped the advance of the Japanese in the Pacific during the Second World War.

Airport guards held in sex-for-freedom scandal

New York (Reuters) — Twenty-seven people, most of them airport security guards, have been charged with taking bribes of money and sex to allow illegal immigrants to enter the United States, a prosecutor said yesterday. Twenty-one are former employees of the Wells Fargo security firm, once responsible for guarding immigrants barred from entering the

US at Kennedy airport. A federal complaint said 70 immigrants were allowed to stay after giving bribes of up to \$10,000 (£6,100) to Wells Fargo guards or having sex with them.

"One defendant guard admitted having sexual intercourse with over a dozen female deportees between December 1985 and July 1986," the complaint said,

adding that the promise of freedom for sex was often broken. "It was common to see girls crying in the office in the morning saying they had sex with a guard to be set free, but they were being deported," one defendant said.

At least 70 illegal immigrants, most of them from the Dominican Republic and Jamaica, entered the US after payoffs.

Mujahidin claim rise in Soviet casualties

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

More than 120 Russians have reportedly been killed in recent clashes with Afghan guerrillas — including a well-known Soviet pilot — bringing the weekly Soviet death toll in the conflict near to that suffered by the Americans in Vietnam.

The claims of rising Soviet casualties came amid heavy fighting between Soviet forces and Mujahidin guerrillas around the Afghan capital of Kabul, according to Western diplomats in Delhi.

The pilot killed was said to be a man called "Rushkov", described as a well-known figure in Kabul. His plane was reportedly shot at on June 1 as it attacked a Mujahidin position and crashed while trying to reach Bagram base.

It should, however, be noted that the claims for Russians killed are usually attributed by the diplomats to "Afghan sources" and a good deal of caution is necessary.

The worst incident in the past week took place in Baghlan province, to the north of the country, where the diplomats quote an Afghan "who has reported reliably in the past" as saying that on May 30 the Mujahidin overran a big Soviet base in Khinjan, killing 80 Russians and capturing two. Khinjan is at a crucial junction on the road from the Salang tunnel, north of the Hindu Kush.

The day before, diplomats quoting a "knowledgeable Afghan source" said that, at Qalacha Sokhta in Parwan province south of the tunnel, Mujahidin, mainly belonging to the group led by Mr Burhanuddin Rabbani, killed between 30 and 35 Russians and captured 12.

On June 2, along the same Salang road at Ananagar, Mujahidin were reported to have attacked a convoy, destroying two or three armoured vehicles and killing seven Russians. Two more Russians were reported killed when a post was attacked in Qalacqizi, only five miles west of Kabul.

Diplomats say that during the month of May they have also counted 29 confirmed reports of aircraft being downed by Mujahidin fire.

"We exclude from this count several reports of which we are sceptical," said one diplomat yesterday, "and we emphasize that the total is not all-inclusive".

Tamils in Jaffna braced for attack

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

Residents of Sri Lanka's northern capital, Jaffna, are expecting the armed forces to launch an attack any day to capture Jaffna from Tamil guerrillas, according to reports reaching Colombo.

The Sri Lankan Government has kept silent on reports of a curfew in some areas of Jaffna and of troops advancing on Jaffna.

The Government's media centre said yesterday that the operations in Keerimalai and Navadipuram in the Jaffna peninsula were over.

Meanwhile, in Colombo, President Jayewardene told the Government's parliamentary group that the Indian action last Thursday, when air supplies were dropped on Jaffna despite the Government's protest, was the 21st time that a foreign power had invaded Sri Lanka in the island's history.

He said the Sri Lankan Government has no means of resisting India's unilateral action physically. "I have informed my people not to retaliate in any way," he added.

About 8,000 people marched to India House, the official Colombo residence of the Indian High Commissioner, to hand over a petition yesterday asking India to respect the island's territorial integrity and not to bully the small nation.

DELHI: With military action continuing in the northern Jaffna peninsula of Sri Lanka, India is keeping up the political pressure on the Government of President Jayewardene (Michael Hamlyn writes).

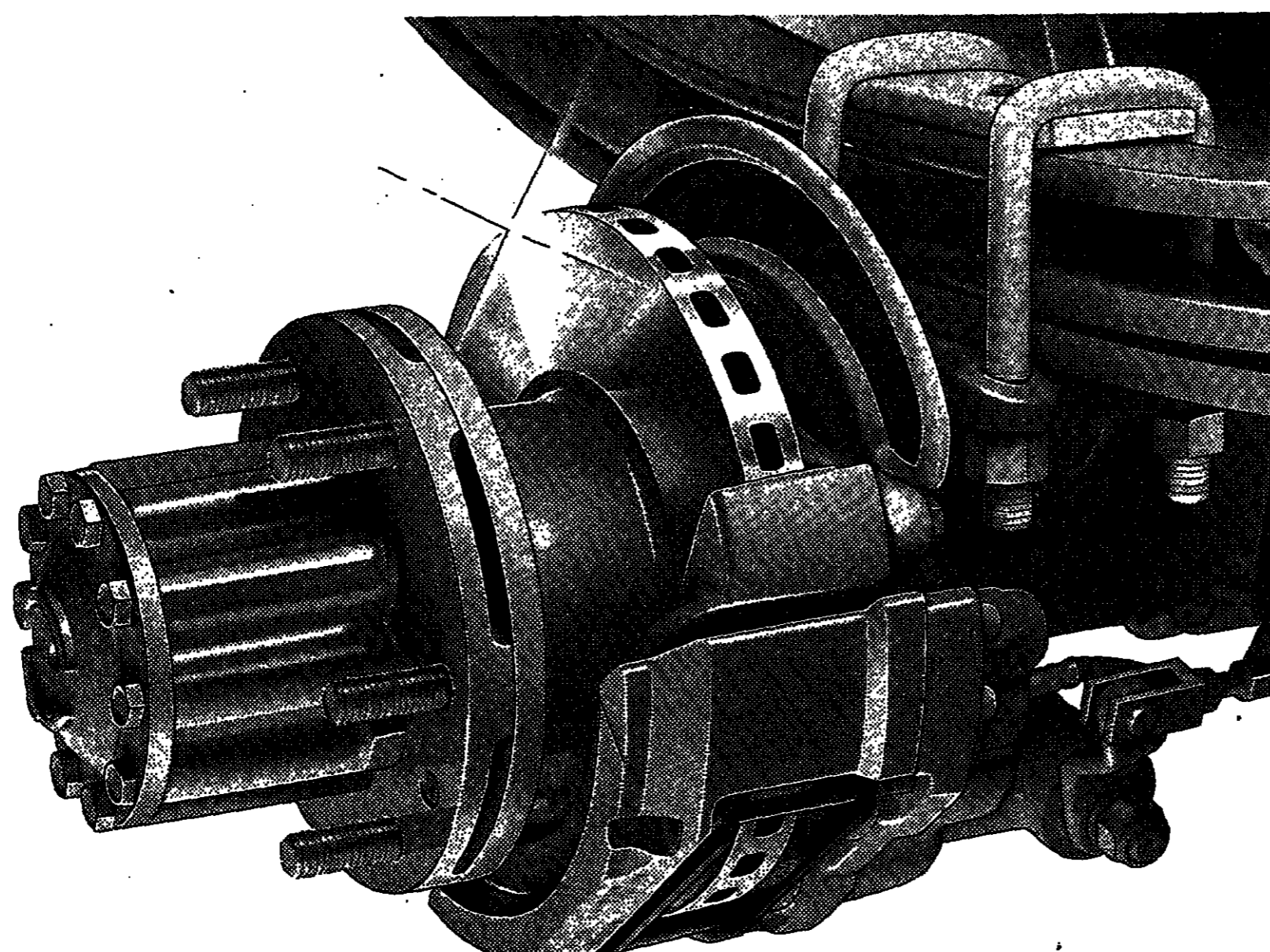
The Indian External Affairs Ministry yesterday showed a number of foreign correspondents a video film said to have been made in Jaffna town itself during aerial bombing and rocket raids made on May 27 and 28.

At the same time, the Indian spokesman said, contacts were continuing between the two governments aimed at establishing agreed "modalities" whereby India's relief aid may be given to the suffering Tamils.

The spokesman added: "We are concerned at the continuing military operation which will naturally result in the tragic loss of human life. We would urge restraint. There can be no military solution."



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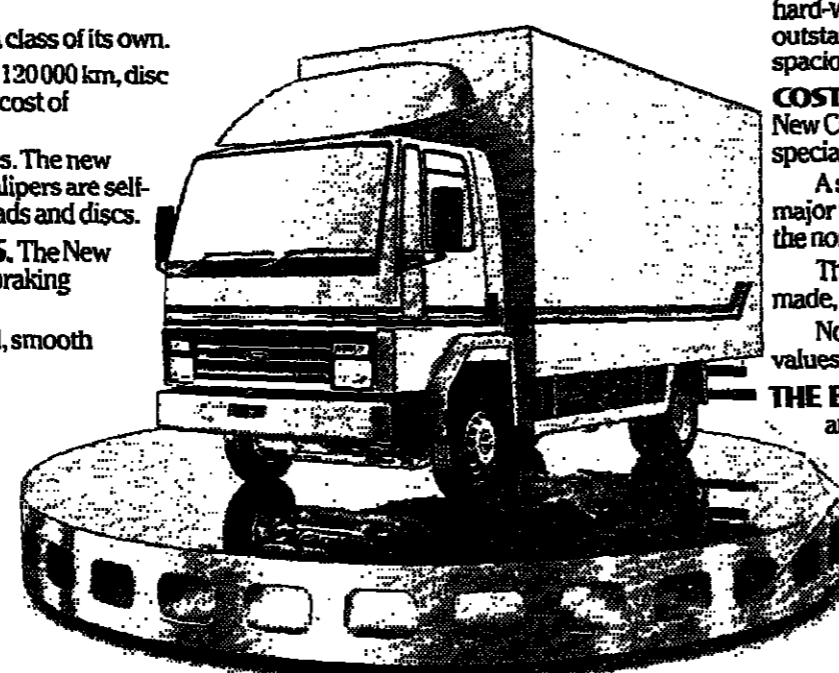
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Threat to deal on cheaper air fares

From Richard Owen, Luxembourg

A provisional European Community agreement on cheaper air fares reached in March is in danger of collapsing. European Commission officials warned yesterday, unless EEC ministers reach swift agreement on the rest of a proposed package liberalizing air transport in Europe.

Officials said consumers had long awaited such a deal, but the package had to stand or fall as a whole.

Yesterday air transport ministers became bogged down in the details of a long-delayed package involving not only discount air fares, but also increased access to the European market by airlines, including new carriers, fewer restrictions on an airline's ability to pick up or set down passengers at airports within the Community on their way to their final destinations, and increased use of regional airports for flights within Europe, including flights to the regions from capital cities.

This last proposal for transnational "hub-to-region" flights brought stalemate at yesterday's meeting, with Denmark, Greece, Spain and Italy all demanding exemptions.

Britain and The Netherlands are still fighting for a liberalization package and fully support the Commission's view that airline passengers in Europe are "charged too much and given too little choice".

Mr Herman de Croo, the Belgian Transport Minister, who chairs the Transport Council until the end of this month, is said to be a disheartened man, but ministers have a final chance to reach a deal under the current Belgian presidency of the Community on June 24.

The stagnation in Community policies can be attributed to some extent to fear in Brussels of doing or saying anything likely to have an effect on the imminent elections in Britain, Italy and Portugal.

Officials denied, however, that the absence from yesterday's air transport meeting of any British minister had held matters up. Britain was represented by civil servants who were fully briefed and fully empowered to take decisions.

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González plays his EEC card in a bid for big victory in local elections

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Intensive efforts by Señor González, the Spanish Minister, to secure Socialist majorities again in the local government and in the regional elections have dominated the last 48 hours of campaigning.

He adopted a presidential, almost de Gaulle-like, tone, "commending" to the 28 million eligible voters Socialist mayors, councillors and regional MPs in the 13 of Spain's 17 self-governing regions going to the polls today.

Keeping aloof from any local disputes or scandals and from his own Government's recent troubles, Señor González took what his aides call an "institutional approach," maintaining that Socialists alone could help secure the longer-term modernization of Spain.

Any advance, he implied, either the right-wing Popular Alliance, now under the leadership of Señor Antonio Hernández Mancha, or the moderate Centre Party of Señor Adolfo Suárez, the former Prime Minister, would set the degree of national unity achieved under the Socialists. It could also bring an unhealthy confrontation between different levels of government which, he argued, would not be good for the country's democratic stability.

With the voters today also

having to vote on a third ballot paper, choosing directly for the first time Spain's 60 Euro-MPs, Señor González was able to play the EEC card heavily in his party's favour when addressing mass rallies in Madrid and Seville, both Socialist strongholds now under threat.

Making his party's last television appeal on Monday night, Señor González started with a flashback to the moment of national unity when the Spanish Parliament voted unanimously for the country's EEC accession treaty.

At his rallies the Prime Minister repeatedly praised Señor Fernando Morán, the former Foreign Minister, who completed Spain's entry and who now heads, with undoubted popularity, the Socialist candidates' list for Strasbourg.

"Forward, we will triumph on Wednesday as a great nation; forward, my fellow countrymen," Señor González concluded the Seville meeting. But at the meeting his deputy, Señor Alfonso Guerra, attacked Señora Soledad Becerra, the Popular Alliance contender for Mayor and former Centre Democrat minister, because she is married to an Andalusian aristocrat.

Señor Suárez, closing his energetic 18-day campaign in Madrid, claimed that his

Centre Party was now the only alternative to an increasing Socialist takeover of all positions of power and influence in the country.

Señor Antonio Hernández Mancha promised no further increases in local government taxes but fresh schemes to promote jobs for the young and for fighting drug abuse.

Señor Gerardo Iglesias, the Communist leader, now heading a broad United Left Front, at his final campaign meeting appealed openly to all discontented and disappointed Socialists to vote for the Front.

After Spain's first democratic local government elections eight years ago, the Communists helped the Socialists achieve power in many big cities. Now, however, after the inevitable wear and tear in office, the Socialists are striving for absolute majorities they had achieved in many cities in the 1983 elections, to avoid the need for fresh alliances with the Communists.

The mixed bag of forces and personalities seeking to become Spanish Euro-MPs today range from Señor José María Ruiz Mateos, the former Rumasa business empire owner, to the Basque extreme left-wing Nationalist Popular Unity coalition and political wing of Eta.

Round-up of Seoul opposition by police

From David Watts, Seoul

The South Korean authorities have rounded up hundreds of government opponents to forestall protests today as the ruling party meets to name President Chun Doo Hwan's successor.

The opposition National Council for a Democratic Constitution is planning a rally in the centre of Seoul, to coincide with the Democratic Justice Party's convention, calling for dialogue on the Constitution and a more democratic government. The National Council, composed of opposition politicians, dissidents and religious figures, is labelled subversive by the Government and out to "destroy the constitutional administration".

Last night the approaches to the British Embassy which is close to Seoul's Anglican cathedral, the rally's focal point, were blocked by the police and security men were checking potential rallyists. So far some 2,604 have been detained, 1,329 sent for summary trial, 410 booked for further investigation and more than 800 warned.

Forty-eight university campuses were searched yesterday, together with offices of opposition organizations. The Government said the day's haul included 40 firebombs and 62 sticks.

The Government will mobilize more than 60,000 riot police, about 26,000 of them in the capital, to quell unrest over President Chun's appointment of his successor, Mr Roh Tae Woo, who is expected to win



A South Korean student aiding a fellow-protester injured by a tear-gas canister in clashes with riot police yesterday at Seoul's Yonsei University, where an anti-torture rally was held.

Aids test ordered on prisoners in America

Washington — All prisoners being discharged from federal jails are to be tested for the Aids virus (Christopher Thomas writes).

All incoming prisoners will also be tested, as will immigrants and illegal aliens applying for residence under an amnesty programme.

The new rules were announced by Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney General, who described them as a reasonable and compassionate approach to a serious public health problem. An Aids clearing-house is to be established to help officials at risk through contact with offenders.

Plot fails
Accra (Reuters) — Ghana police claim to have foiled a fresh plot against the Government of Flight Lieutenant Jerry Rawlings and detained a number of people.

Art held
Washington — Haiti, trying to recover assets allegedly stolen by former President Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier and his associates, has won a court order placing a temporary hold on seven crates of rare Haitian art stored at a warehouse in Washington.

Freed by Cuba
Washington (NYT) — Cuba will release 348 current and former long-term political prisoners after a request from the US Catholic Conference.

Smelt a rat
Belgrade (Reuters) — Mrs Sava Gilisin has been charged with the attempted murder of her husband, Aleksandar, by serving him meatballs containing rat poison.

Many millions
Sacramento (Reuters) — California's state lottery has turned 20 people into dollar millionaires in the past seven weeks, a pace that officials said is probably a world record.

Our town
Brandonville, West Virginia (AP) — Mr Clarence Fike, the confident mayor of this tiny town (population, 80), left names off the ballot papers for yesterday's civic elections and voted everyone they could vote for themselves.

Coalition mixture as before in Greenland

By Christopher Follett

Two weeks of post-election political uncertainty in Greenland ended yesterday with the formation of a new left-wing government under Mr Jonathan Motzfeldt, leader of the majority since it gained home rule from Denmark in 1979. The administration is a continuation of the coalition between Mr Motzfeldt's centre-left Siumut Party and the small Inuit (Eskimo) Party that ruled Greenland before he elected last month.

Siumut now has 11 seats in Greenland's 27-seat home-rule Parliament and the Inuits four. The right-wing opposition Atassut Party has 11

seats and the new pro-privatization Polar Party one.

Greenland's new Government was formed after a political crisis.

The previous coalition collapsed after Mr Motzfeldt turned down an Eskimo demand for a government committee to monitor modernization of the Nato early-warning radar system at the US base at Thule. He has now agreed to the demand.

The Soviet Union says the radar has an offensive use, in violation of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty of 1972, but America insists it is purely defensive.

A stinging nettle amid the Socialist carnations

By Roger Boyes

The British Labour Party is not the only party to say it with flowers. The Italian Socialists have been giving away red carnations at their party congresses, using charming girls at this year's Rimini meeting to hand over bouquets. Next time, say the cynics, it will be drum majorettes.

The red carnation — symbol of purity, soft and a little shorty, fragrant and cheaper than roses — is exactly how the Socialist Party sees itself. But the popular image of the party is now dominated by the forceful figure of Signor Bettino Craxi, whose nearest floral equivalent is the stinging nettle.

He has, in the past few years of capable premiership, become a big man, perhaps too big for his small party. Physically, he resembles one of those oversized Bernini statues of long-dead popes in St Peter's Basilica. Intellectually, he is streets ahead of other leading politicians, with the clear exception of Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Christian Democrats' grand old man.

Since taking over the party leadership in 1976, Signor Craxi has edged away from the shadow of the Communists and presented the party as a "socialist alternative". He has shed the trappings of a dogmatic leftist party — there is no



longer a "central committee", there is no hammer and sickle on the party insignia. And he has built up the role of party secretary.

Signor Craxi's aim has been to make the Socialists indispensable in a country that is frustrated with the bipolarism of Christian Democrats

versus Communists.

This is his great achievement. In the past when the Socialists were allied to the Christian Democrats, they lost votes; and when they were linked to the Communists, they lost votes. Now, by Signor Craxi's insistence on the premiership, by constantly defining a different stance (sometimes misjudging the mood — as when he was the only party leader to advocate negotiations with the Red Brigades) he has given the party an identity. By and large that identity is related not to policy but to his personality.

The tragedy of Signor Craxi is that he is not in command of a mass party. All his mannerisms, all his posturing, all his tactical brilliance has

still not brought him beyond 11 per cent of the popular vote. Partly this is his own crucial failing as a party manager (even his deputy, Signor Claudio Martelli, is a better campaigner than organizer) and the grass roots are somewhat out of touch with the centre.

Signor Craxi understands Parliament, has the critical distance of a man who lives in Milan but works in Rome, but he is not good at setting up communication channels within his own party, nor at drumming up support from youth movements. Cartoonists who like to compare Signor Craxi with Mussolini have got it wrong. His party is doomed to remain small, but pivotal.

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Some election workers appear to have loosely interpreted the legislation...

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Soviet fears that the CIA is capable of planting microphones in almost anything...

Party games

Kent schoolchildren have raised playground games to a new political level...

The Conservative Party proposes to free schools from local authority control...

Well, who are these few odd parents? Consider Haringey Parents' Association...

Its members are not those who would normally wish to waste their time in politics...

Nor is Haringey Parents' Association the only grassroots

Power to the real parents

Roger Scruton questions the motives of those who oppose Conservative plans to end local authority control of the schools

organization which would welcome the proposed reforms. All of the following have expressed views and preferences which are hostile to the existing system of control...

This aim, it must be said, is emphatically not shared by the NUT - which seeks a form of education that will be in accordance with its wishes...

towards the independent sector, with parents in some cases establishing their own schools outside the state sector...

In the face of those, and many more, abuses we are driven inevitably to ask why not free the schools? Why not enable heads to control their own establishments?

Those are the questions that Mr Radice should answer.

Jo Grimond Floaters still for wooing

The eve of the poll. What can candidates do in the last few hours of an election campaign? Very little, but not nothing.

There is the class of those who feel at the back of their minds that the mould needs breaking but are not yet convinced that it is safe to pin their hopes on a new party.

Alliance candidates have no doubt in these last few hours that they will be setting their caps at the type of undecided voter who is important in their own constituency.

Old tricks should not be forgotten in these last exhausting hours. A show with banners and loud-speakers is not to be despised...

The old-fashioned eve of the poll meeting seems to be on the wane. I wonder if this is wise.

I thought John Grigg had a good point on this page last Friday, particularly with the Venice summit bringing into prominence the question of Britain's place in the world.

Most of these people are not in the least anti-American but are disturbed by certain aspects of American policy and would be reluctant to feel that we were being pulled along too readily at their heels.

The author was leader of the Liberal Party, 1956-67.

Conor Cruise O'Brien looks beyond the gibbiness and the clowning and finds Neil Kinnock a leader with real power over his party

Last Friday morning I sat in Neil Kinnock's election office in Transport House listening to him answer questions about Sinn Fein and the IRA.

I was impressed by those words, and by the plain and earnest manner of their delivery. Mr Kinnock did not sound a bit like the "prisoner of the hard left" which his opponents seek to portray.

Sinn Fein-IRA - one entity, not two - had been encouraged by Ken Livingstone and others to believe that a future Labour government would enter into negotiations with it.

In this election the question of Sinn Fein-IRA is, of course, at most a marginal issue. All the same, it is a test of character, for a Labour leader, granted the attitudes of the Labour left, and in my book, Mr Kinnock comes through that test with flying colours.

Like many another I had underestimated Kinnock. When I first met him when he was taking over from Michael Foot I took him for an amiable lightweight. Amiable he still is, but I don't think anyone today who watches him closely - as I was doing all through last Friday - would be likely to write him off as a lightweight.

On Friday night at Granby Halls, Leicester, I watched Mr Kinnock in action before a huge crowd of Labour supporters. At first I was not particularly impressed. On the previous days I had been attending some of the Alliance rallies: sober and cerebral affairs with an open question-time (not quite open actually, since all the questions were pre-selected).

Then Mr Kinnock made his entrance, to a ragged kind of fanfare and, with most, though not all, of his audience standing for him. Smiling broadly, he started with a series of party political one-liners. I didn't think they were all that funny but Mr Kinnock enjoyed them and so did his audience. "He's on a high, isn't he?" said a reporter beside me. Perhaps he was, but he seems able to carry his audience with him on it.



Putting new bounce into Labour

Kinnock spoke with genuine, controlled and measured passion and his audience responded to him as an audience does on those very rare occasions when it finds its own inmost feelings articulated by a master.

That Mr Kinnock is a notable orator is beyond question. But how important is oratorical capacity in the late 20th century? Certainly no orator in modern Britain, however splendidly gifted, could hope to achieve anything like the impact of Gladstone in the Midlothian or Lloyd George at Limehouse.

I got a sample of this, right after that Leicester speech, aboard the Kinnock bus. A reporter was telling his office about the meeting which had just ended. I took down the reporter's words, which ran as follows: "Kinnock led the chorus in the Red Flag... yes, I'll get every little bit in. I don't want that again."

however... Richard Heller

Just a cheque for this mate

"The engagement is announced between... Suddenly the name of a friend leaps off the social page. What are one's first reactions? Typically, pleasure, relief, surprise at the revelation of the friend's exotic middle name.

I do not begrudge the cost of the thing, though I do think that Mr Lawson should make wedding presents tax-deductible and so help to reduce the government's pledge to support family life. It is simply that buying a wedding present is one of the scaliest tasks known to man.

At the store you have to find the "Brides Book" - the department store equivalent of Fortnes Falklands, buried in some remote windswept outpost and obliging you to battle through hordes of hostile foreigners. Having located the book you discover (if you know only the future groom) that it is arranged alphabetically by surname of bride, which you fail to remember, and only by proceeding sequentially through each listed couple do you discover that the fiancée's name is Zybowski.

You now consult the couple's chosen merchandise and discover that almost all the cheaper items have been eliminated from the list by meaner-minder, fletcher-footed friends. None the less you find on the list some just-beautifully-priced item of china or glass or kitchenware or linen or "gifts".

Party in from the cold. Within the party, such a result would consolidate the enhanced authority he has won for himself during the campaign.

To some extent, Mr Kinnock's expanding charisma should operate to offset the constitutional gains of the left within the Labour Party. At a time of weakness in the central leadership, the left managed to ensure a kind of hegemony for the general membership of the party, and of the annual conference, over the parliamentary party.

Whether Mr Kinnock can ever lead the Labour Party completely in from the cold is open to question. Labour, with his assent in the past, has encumbered itself with some policies - notably unilateralism - which may perhaps never prove acceptable to a majority in Britain.

Mr Kinnock's achievements seem to deserve more recognition than they have received from most of the media. He has taken on the far left and pushed it back. He has revitalized his party. He has communicated to it something of his own zest, and moved it back fiercer to the national centre.

Lift-off in the city of flight

Michael Davidson

On the eve of the Paris Air Show, Harvey Elliott, the Times Air Correspondent, previews the great display in the skies that commands international attention

There are few countries more proud, nationalistic and even chauvinistic than the French. They are convinced that their aircraft, space projects, weapons and technology are the best in Europe, if not the world.

They are determined to spread that message wherever and however they can. And for 10 days starting tomorrow, they have the perfect showcase, the Paris Air Show.

Although more than 1,200 companies from 31 countries will exhibit their wares at Le Bourget airport on the outskirts of Paris, this will be essentially a French show with the emphasis on French products. And this year, perhaps more than before, the salesmen from Aerospatiale, Dassault-Breguet and the rest, will be making a big effort to whip up interest in their products and clinch deals.

Along with other countries supplying the military market, the French face a fall-off in demand as other nations develop their own armaments industries, and others slash spending to avoid recession.

But unlike many countries the French — backed by the government, which either wholly owns or has a very large stake in the aerospace companies — are stepping up their export efforts rather than batten down the hatches to ride out the storm.

As a result, they are likely to see even more of their production going abroad. In 1986, exports accounted for around 60 per cent of their sales.

Although the overall figure is likely to be well down in the current financial year, the proportion of exports is likely to stay about the same. And to remain in that position into the next century the French are expanding their research and development while, for example, Britain is cutting back substantially. This, they hope, will put their missiles, fighters and engines one jump ahead of the customers' potential enemies.

One of the products on display that perhaps epitomizes both the French nationalism and technological development is the Rafale, an experimental fighter, which, for the moment at least, is wholly French.

The full range of missiles — notably the Exocet, whose very name, through the attacks on HMS Sheffield and the USS Stark, has become synonymous with highly efficient death and destruction — will be on display in the static park alongside such "French" aircraft as Airbus, helicopters and light aircraft.

For the tens of thousands of the French people who will jam the roads leading to Le Bourget the show is a great day out: a time to collect as many T-shirts, eat ice cream and stare at everything on display.

Far more than at Farnborough, where business comes first and pleasure is very much second, the Paris Air Show is enjoyed by the family.

But beneath the tricolours and the candy floss there will be much background wheel-dealing, with the British and

Finding a hotel room in Paris has been impossible

the Americans in particular leading the attack.

British Aerospace will display its full range, from the new ATP turbo-prop to the world's quietest airliner, the 146. Its Rapier missiles will point menacingly skywards and British Aerospace will be extremely disappointed if it does not clinch many more orders for the executive Jetstream.

Shorts, the Northern Ireland company that has quietly but effectively grabbed a big share of the missile market with Blowpipe, and almost cleaned up with its Skyvans and Shorts 360 and 330 utility aircraft, will vie with the best.

Rolls-Royce will have an enormous presence, pushing its comprehensive range of engines.

And Westland, hoping the air show will see it take off vertically from its recent political and financial problems, will display two versions of the Lynx and the British-built Black Hawk helicopter.

The Americans can never be ignored at a great international gathering such as this. Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, battling each other as well as Europe for the lion's share of the vast new market in civilian airliners everyone now predicts is just around the corner, will grab any lapel to push home the message that they are refining and developing still further their already impressive array of jets.

On the airfield, the B1-B bomber, the United States' latest and most lethal strike aircraft, will be parked, while the Russians will show their many large and small civilian jetliners and helicopters.

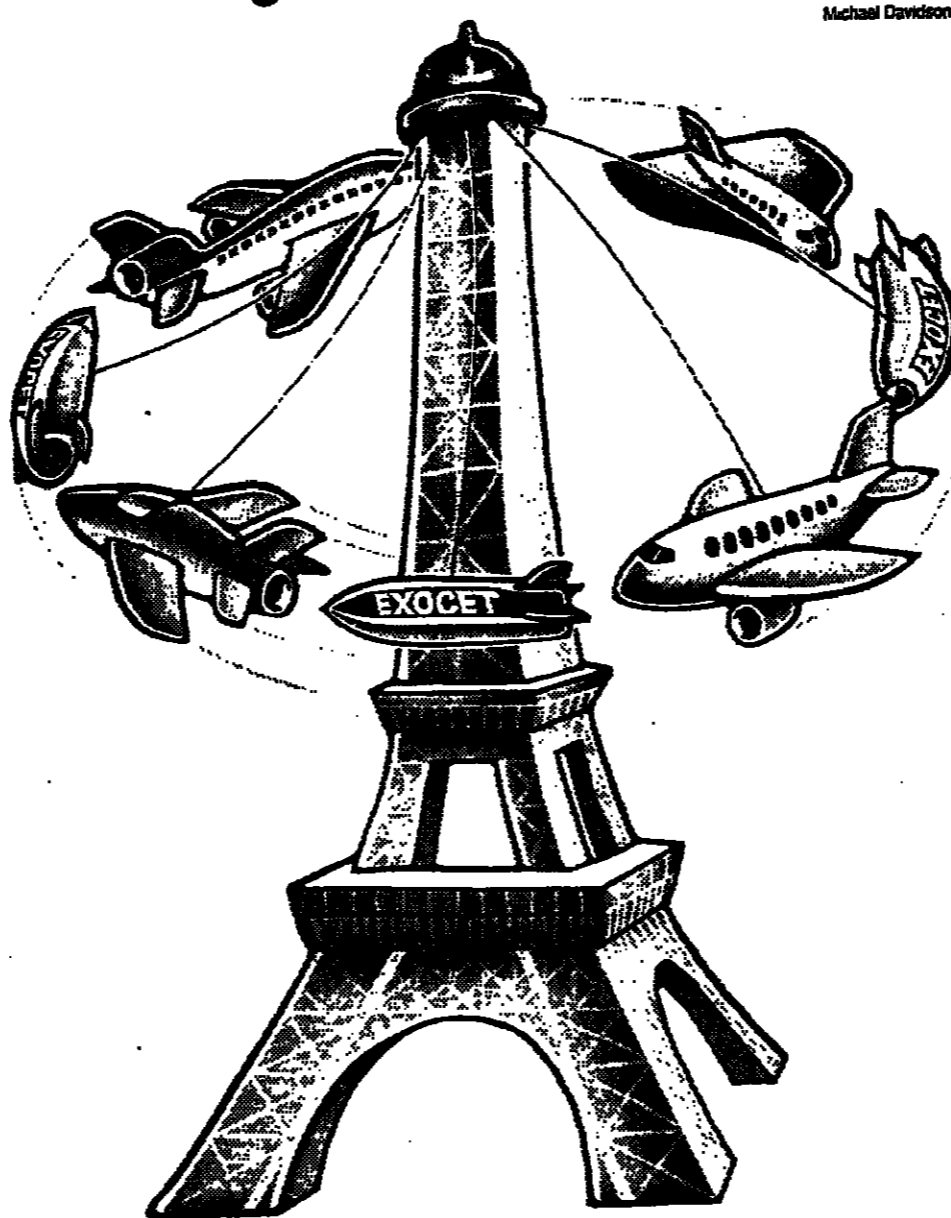
Hardly a developed country will be absent, and getting a hotel room in Paris for those two weeks in June has been impossible for months.

But beneath the individual nations' concerns for their own industries, the most significant development this year is likely to be the new deals and collaborative ventures entered into. No one, not even the French, can any longer afford to go it alone.

The huge cost of developing aircraft, or their engines, is now far too great for any one company, or even any one nation, to carry alone. So there is bound to be an extension of the kind of deals that have linked, for example, the British, West Germans, Italians, Americans and Japanese, who have come together to build a new giant aircraft engine.

Already many of the aircraft tagged "British" or "Dutch" or any other nationality, have just as many foreign parts in them as home-built ones.

And this trend is developing



as the big companies discover they are better off pooling their limited resources rather than following one another down the same road.

It is at Paris, where the officials from Sweden, for example, get a rare chance to meet their counterparts from Indonesia or Israel, or where British Aerospace engineers can discover that a particular solution to a problem they have been working on has been discovered by Romania, often talk for the first time.

All the while they are being watched closely by their potential customers, especially the airlines. They too are

beginning to come together with collaborative deals and even mergers.

This has given the airlines a greater collective bargaining power to insist that their wishes, and those of their passengers, are included in the proposals put forward by the plane-makers.

In turn, the manufacturers will be watching whether SAS and Sabena will merge, whether British Airways is likely to show a greater interest in flying twin-engine jets for huge distances over water and so open up new demands for these long-range jets, or whether the develop-

ment of "hub and spoke" route systems are likely to lead to a demand for bigger or, as some believe, smaller aircraft.

All these subtle under-currents, partly fed by politics, partly by economic constraints and partly by changes in customer demand, will come together at Paris.

No one in the business, either as a buyer or a supplier, can afford to be left out. For only by having their sharpest executives on hand to sniff the wind and report back to boardrooms around the world where the trends are likely to lead, can companies make long-term decisions.

Partners who battle it out

The huge success in Britain of the Rolls-Royce privatization has tended to mask the growing hostility in the international civil aero-engine market as the main contenders battle for increasing slices of this lucrative business.

As airlines have stepped up their orders for new generation aircraft, the engine salesmen have had to work harder than usual to try to beat the opposition. For, despite the large amount of collaboration in the engine business — an economic necessity in recent years — the three major producers of Pratt & Whitney, General Electric (both American) and Rolls are furiously competing.

The engine business is not bedevilled by the same level of cyclicality as the airframe makers because while sales of new engines may decrease during an airliner slump, the demand for spares remains, and this is a consistently profitable sector.

According to recent Rolls estimates, world-wide military aircraft engine business to the end of the century should be worth £105 billion and civil engine business an estimated £70 billion.

The major part of the civil market is dominated by the medium- and large-fan engines of Rolls, the RB-211 and its derivatives, GE's CF6 range and its CFM56 medium engine, and the JT and PW engines of Pratt & Whitney.

The Rolls view is that about a third of the £70 billion due to be spent on civil aircraft engines will be on the higher thrust turbo-fan units for aircraft such as the Boeing 747 and the new McDonnell Douglas MD-11 tri-jet as well as the A-310 and A-330 versions of the European Airbus.

On the collaboration front, the trend has been for companies to get together on the development of some engines while directly competing on others.

A casualty of the heightened competition in aero-engines was the collaborative agreement between Rolls and GE. In 1984 they decided it was in their joint interests to give each other a share of their respective engines, the Rolls

RB-211-535E4 and the GE CF6-80C2. The former was chosen widely to power the new Boeing 757 while the latter was more powerful and aimed at the 747 and Airbus A-310 market. A revenue-sharing deal seemed logical.

Last year, however, cracks appeared in the agreement when Rolls began to have success with its big thrust version of the RB-211, the 52404D model which it marketed around the world in direct competition to the 80C2.

GE was not happy when Rolls won the prestige order from British Airways to power the airline's 16 new generation 747-400 jets. The spirit of the collaboration had been broken, claimed GE, and the deal collapsed.

But apart from the vagaries of the collaboration scene and the development of the Rolls share price, high on the list for discussion at Paris — as it was at the Farnborough air show last September — will be the future for the so-called ultra-high by-pass (UHB) engines, which are claimed to reduce fuel consumption by up to 40 per cent.

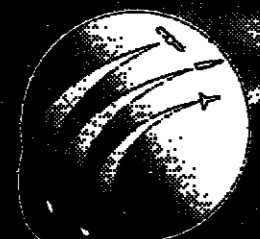
All the major producers are involved in development of the UHB engine which, basically, derives its name from the principle of by-passing a large volume of air around the hot core of the engine to join the exhaust gas at the rear and provide greater propulsion.

But the big controversy has surrounded the IAE Superfan, which was to have been in service by 1992 but which now appears to have been at least postponed and possibly scrapped. The engine was to have been a contender to power the long-range Airbus A-340 and the Boeing short-range 7J7. The latter is the most important — a new technology jet due for service in 1992 in the highly concentrated US market — but Boeing has now decided to plump for GE's rival unducted fan engine.

Meanwhile, Rolls has its Contrafan concept, a large engine to power the Boeing jumbo jet well into the next century.

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Britain goes in with high hopes

The British aerospace industry is taking this Paris salon very seriously, and will have a large presence at the show — facts which indicate the increasingly-tough environment in which UK aviation manufacturers now find themselves working to sell their products.

Exports are vital to the UK industry — 60 per cent of all the products of British Aerospace go abroad, for instance — but the industry finds itself up against the giant US aerospace companies with their enormous domestic market, and against some industries in Europe which receive heavy subsidies for technical development and marketing from their governments.

Both the major components of the British aircraft industry, BAE, and Rolls-Royce, are now privatized, and are no longer given financial hand-outs from Whitehall to prop up new projects. The strength of this fresh, cold wind was seen in the combative nature, and length, of negotiations between BAE and Government over the obtaining of repayable loans to enable BAE to develop the wings for the new A330/A340 airliner project from Airbus Industrie, in which the British company is a 20 per cent partner.

British Aerospace originally sought £750 million, but this was whittled down to £450 million launch aid, leaving the company to find a total of £550 million in the long term from its own resources for tooling and production.

The Government also made the funds conditional on the other partner governments in Airbus — West Germany, with a 37.9 per cent share, France with 37.9 per cent, and Spain with 4.2 per cent — making money available to enable their aerospace companies to participate in the 330/340 project.

Developing a new aircraft from design stage to first flight can take three years or more, while financial break-even point may not be reached until after a further 10 years — and in some cases, not at all. In such a high-stakes industrial game, the UK aerospace manufacturers are hurrying to reduce their costs and raise their productivity through the increasing use of automation.

Rolls-Royce has opened a

robotized factory making fan blades for its series of jet engines. British Aerospace has a new factory at Bristol in which the wings of the A320 airliner, each weighing 7½ tons, are moved down the final fitting-out line by two men using hover pallets, and where parts are brought to the line from the stores by robot vehicles.

Computer-aided design is now commonplace in British aircraft and aero-engine factories, while the UK industry is among world leaders in the development of composite materials as a replacement for the traditional aviation metals.

An RB211-524D4 engine will be on the Rolls-Royce exhibition stand at the salon, as will the company's other new engine, the Tay, which is providing power for the Fokker 100 airliner, and the Gulfstream IV long-range executive jet.

Both these planes will be appearing at Paris for the first time. Rolls will also show a full-scale mock-up of the XG-40 military demonstrator engine, which is proving technology destined to go into the E1200 engine that will power the proposed Eurofighter.

In addition to the EAP demonstrator, British Aerospace will show several other new types for the first time at Paris.

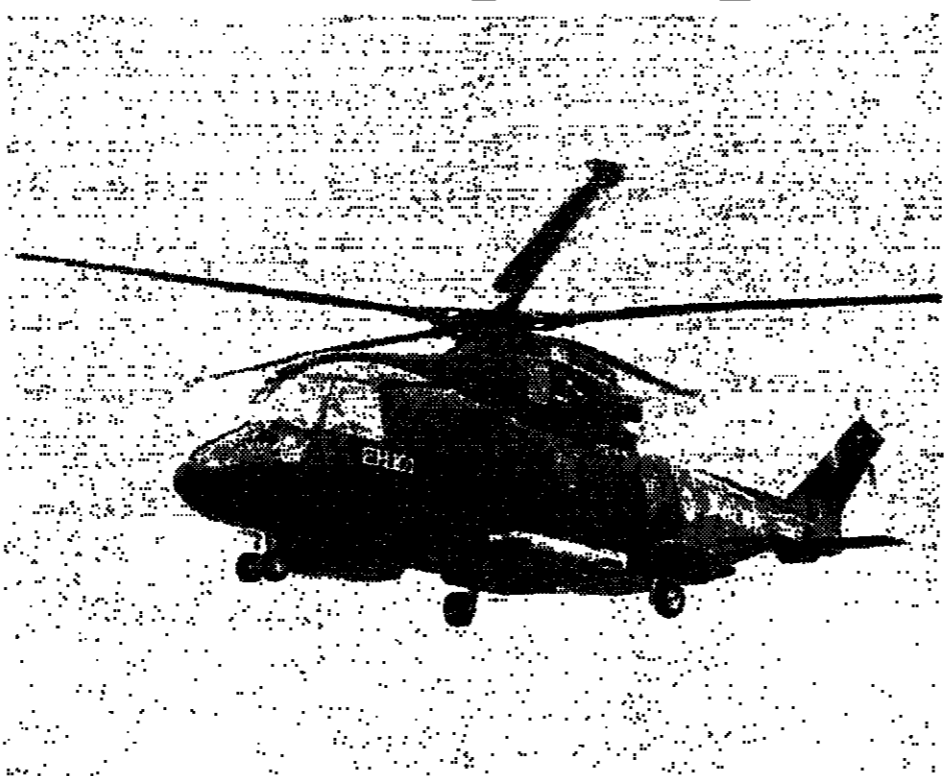
They include the Hawk 200 fighter, a single-seat version of

Space activities will be outlined

the trainer which the Royal Air Force Red Arrows aerobatic team uses, the latest version of the vertical take-off and landing Harrier fighter, the Harrier II GR5, the Advanced Turbo-Prop (ATP) 65-seat airliner, due to be certified for entry into service later this year, and the 146-300 four-jet, 100-seat airliner.

The 146-300 was rolled out on May 1, and made the first flight of its test programme the same day.

BAE's aircraft roll call at Paris also includes two Tornados in the colours of the Italian Air Force, a BAE 146-200, a Jetstream 31 commuter airliner, and a 125 business jet. It is displaying a wide



Pride of Westland's display: the new EH.101, being developed with an Italian company

range of missiles, examples of its technology, ranging from the six-bladed propeller developed for the ATP airliner, to titanium components made by new bonding processes.

The company's considerable space activities will be outlined through a series of models of satellites, among them the Space Platform, an autonomous, free-flying vehicle designed to orbit permanently in space.

BAe is the prime contractor for Space Platform, part of the European Columbus space programme. Also on show will be a model of the Hotol (horizontal take-off and landing) space-plane which BAE has designed, and which is considered a candidate to succeed the Concorder when the supersonic airliner finally leaves service.

Pride of the display mounted at the salon by Westland, the helicopter manufacturer based at Yeovil, Somerset, will be the new EH.101 30-seat helicopter which it is developing with Agusta, of Italy.

Westland has been through turbulent times recently, with enforced redundancies among its workforce while it waits for EH.101 production to get under way, since the con-

troversy over whether it should look towards Europe or the US for partners — which ended with a minority shareholding by United Technologies, of the US, owners of Sikorsky, and the Italian Fiat company.

United Technologies is to place two million man-hours of work with Westland over the next five years, and will

Short Brothers will have a 'first'

utilize the British company's lead in rotor technology in the updating of the Sikorsky Black Hawk helicopter fleet with the United States Army.

Britain has ordered 50 EH.101s for the Royal Navy, and 25 for the Army, and orders from the Italian Navy are expected soon. The prototype at Paris will be accompanied by three versions of the smaller Lynx helicopter, the Lynx 3, the Super Lynx, and the WS 80.

The other large aerospace company in Britain, Short Brothers, of Belfast, will have a "first" at the salon in the Tucano two-seat, turbo-prop trainer which it is developing

for the Royal Air Force from a Brazilian design. Shorts will also show its SD 360 36-seat commuter airliner, and a Sherpa transport of the type ordered by the United States Air Force for transporting jet engines around its bases in Europe.

Under an agreement inaugurated at the Farnborough show last autumn, Shorts is involved in a joint study with Boeing/de Havilland of Canada into a new commuter/regional airliner programme, and will outline at the salon the progress made so far. Shorts is indicating that providing current studies of the market are sufficiently encouraging, a decision to launch a joint programme could be taken later this year for entry into service by 1991.

Ironically, the largest British aircraft at Paris, was made by Shorts in the 1960s. This is a Belfast freighter, now owned by HeavyLift Cargo Airlines, and used by that Stansted airport-based company to carry large sections of aircraft and space vehicles about the world in its capacious hold.

Arthur Reed

Europe fights back, America cries foul

From being a series of disparate national industries, often developing projects that competed with one another in world markets, European aerospace has now come together to such an extent that it is threatening the traditional dominance of the aircraft, engine and equipment manufacturers of the United States.

The American reaction is to allege that European aerospace products, particularly those of the French, West German, British and Spanish Airbus Industrie consortium making a family of airliners, are unfairly subsidized in their development and marketing by their governments.

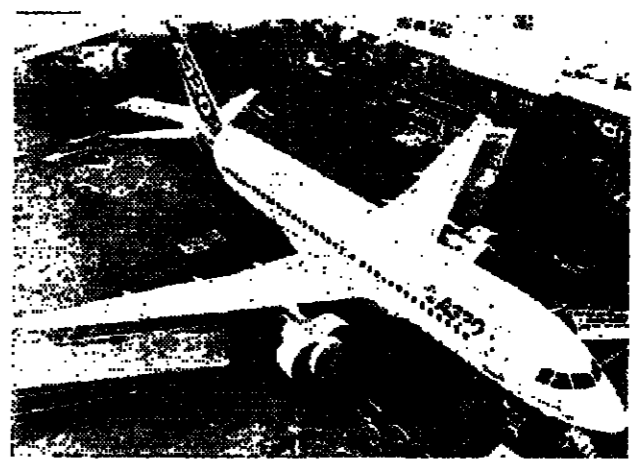
European aerospace responds by arguing that the civil products of the American industry receive hidden subsidies from funding for military programmes.

Both sides will be watching keenly at Paris to see whether Airbus has been able to progress its proposed next big project, the A330 twin-engine, medium-range airliner/A340 four-engine, long-range airliner, to the stage where it can announce a firm go-ahead.

The A330/A340 project, using a wing of a common design for both aircraft, will cost \$3 billion in the long term and the partner aerospace companies have found it difficult to convince their governments of the wisdom of advancing that sort of money.

The project has also been rocked by the failure of the International Aero Engines consortium, of which Rolls-Royce and Pratt & Whitney are the leading partners, to solve the technological problems involved in producing its proposed Superfan engine for the A340 within a deadline issued by Airbus.

Airbus needs a firm decision on a start to the A330/A340 project because its market for the A340 is being chipped away by McDonnell Douglas, of the US, with its



Rolling out Airbus 320, The world's latest airliner

recently launched MD-11 airliner. Airlines have to decide whether to place firm orders now for the MD-11, based on the old DC-10 but with new technology in such areas as cockpit avionics electronics grafted on, or to await the firm launch of the A330/A340, with the new technology built in from the beginning.

While this debate will be going on behind the scenes at the salon, evidence of the solid success of Airbus Industrie in pulling together, during the past 17 years, aerospace industries with different philosophies, languages, even systems of measurement, will be on public show in the shape of the A320 150-seat airliner.

This was rolled out at the Airbus assembly centre in Toulouse, south-west France, in February and made its first flight later that month.

At roll-out, the A320 had taken more than 400 orders, claimed as a record for any

Breaking the grip of US companies

airliner before it had taken to the air.

The A320 is full of advanced technology, with the pilots controlling the aircraft by way of small sidesticks, instead of the traditional control column. The sidesticks are connected to on-board computers that send signals to the motors, which move ailerons, flaps and rudder over electric wires — the "fly-by-wire" system. Mechanical linkages of wires, rods, and pulleys, are dispensed with.

The computers at the heart of the A320 will automatically fly the aircraft out of a dangerous situation, such as a stall, Airbus claims, thus making flying safer.

A few other airliner projects are under way. France and Italy are combining to produce the ATR42 and ATR72 twin turbo-prop regional airliners, while SAAB, of Sweden, is having increasing sales success with its 340 commuter airliner, another twin turbo-prop.

Domier, the West German aerospace company, is building on the experience it gained with its small 228 twin turbo-prop commuter to develop a pressurized 30-seater, the 328.

European aerospace companies operating in the military sector, like their civil counterparts, seem bent on breaking the grip that US companies have long had on markets abroad.

The military manufacturers have cut their teeth on the Tornado bomber/fighter, a joint British-West German-Italian project, with more than 800 aircraft required by Nato, and with a recent huge sale to Saudi Arabia.

Moving Tornado off the drawing boards and into operational service has been a long and difficult haul involving cost overruns and delays as the three partner nations learned to work together.

Technology for the Eurofighter is being proved in the British Aerospace Experimental Aircraft Programme (EAP) demonstrator, which will be one of the stars of the Paris show flying display.

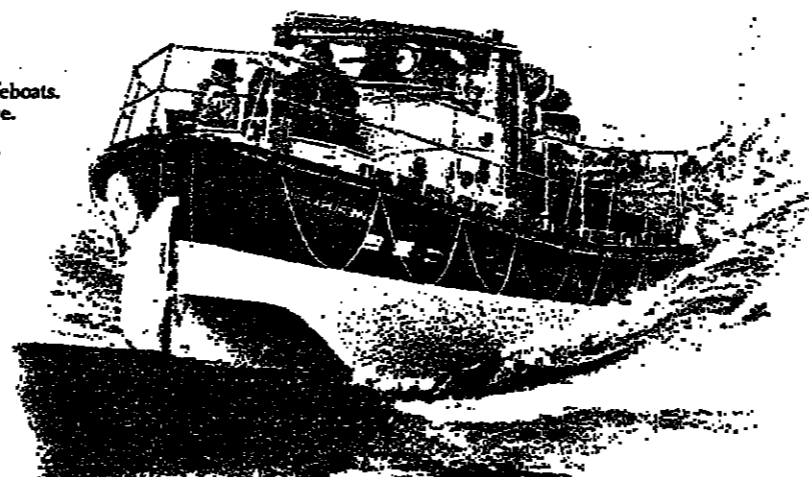
At the same time, the French are proving their own advanced-fighter technology with their Dassault Rafale demonstrator. It will vie for attention with EAP in the sky over Le Bourget every afternoon.

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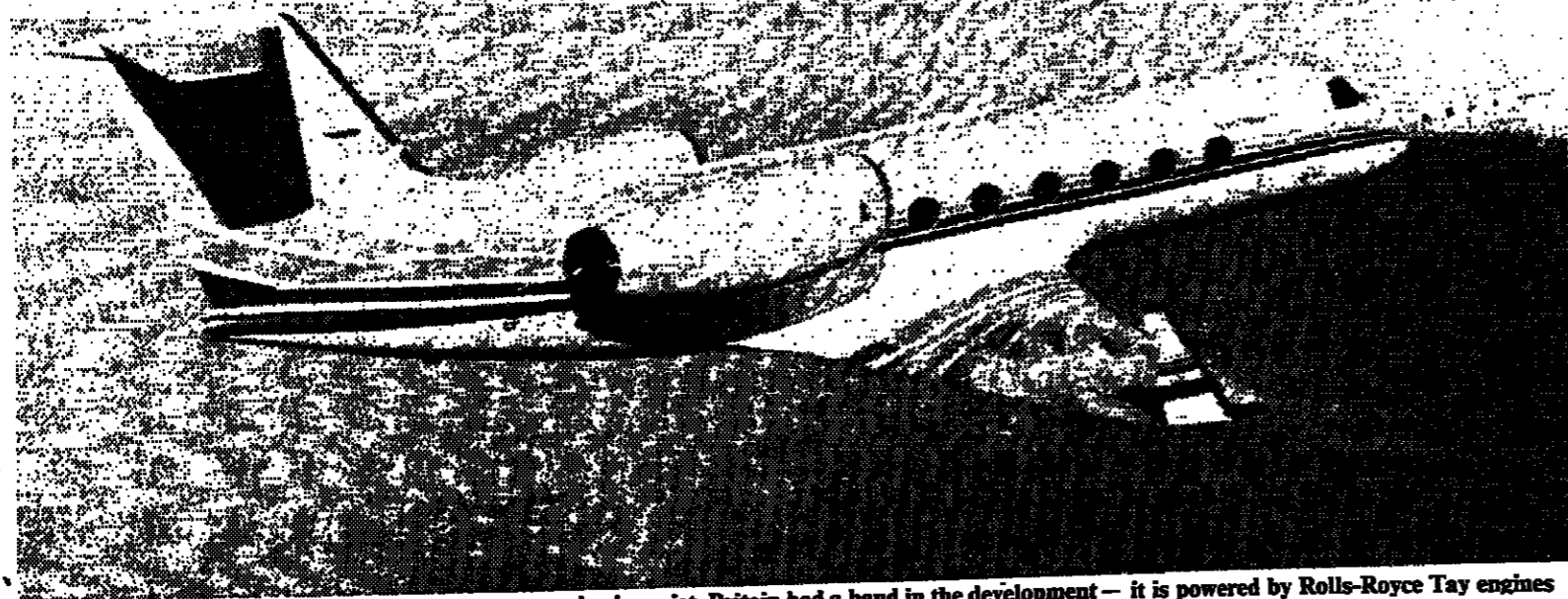
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Sleek and speedy: The Gulfstream IV is a long-range business jet. Britain had a hand in the development — it is powered by Rolls-Royce Tay engines



America's absent planes reflect an air of doubt

Because of the rising cost of exhibiting, and doubts about the true worth of air shows as a method of publicizing and selling their products, several of the major American aerospace manufacturers have pulled out of this year's *salon*, and the interest will be more in what is not at Paris, rather than in the US aircraft that are displayed on the flight line.

Among the small number of new types from American factories which will be on show, two are of special interest. These are the Gulfstream IV long-range business jet, which is powered by two of Rolls-Royce's Tay turbo-fans, and the V22 Osprey, a revolutionary design which is half helicopter, half fixed-wing aircraft.

The Osprey, a joint venture between Bell and Boeing, and still in its development phase, employs the principle of "tilt-rotor", in which the twin engines are pointed upwards for take-off and landing, and then swivel through 90 degrees once the aircraft is airborne to give forward propulsion. If trials are successful, the Osprey could

US aerospace industry, the B1-B remains essentially a stop-gap project between the ageing B-52s and the Advanced Technology Bomber (ATB) being developed under conditions of the utmost secrecy towards an in-service date some time in the middle 1990s. The ATB is the so-called Stealth Bomber, designed to a large extent of composites, rather than aviation metals, and covered with non-reflective materials to make it virtually invisible to enemy defensive radars.

The US is known to be flying, also in great secrecy, a stealth fighter, coded the F-19, containing similar design advances. Its task would be to intrude into enemy airspace and shoot down their airborne early-warning aircraft carrying radar designed to detect incoming bombers.

In the meantime, the American aerospace industry continues to modernize, with improved engines, avionics, and missiles, its existing generation of fighters, the F-14, F-15, F-16, and F-18, and to try to sell them with considerable success, to air

engines. While working on new-generation airliners, both Boeing and McDonnell Douglas continue, like the military manufacturers, to develop their existing aircraft families.

Boeing is assembling, at its Everett plant just outside Seattle, the first of the latest version of its 747 jumbo jet, the series 400, advances built into which will give it a longer range, at 8,000 nautical miles, than any of its predecessors, enabling European airlines to fly routinely non-stop to the Far East, and return.

Boeing has also made a recent decision to develop the smallest member of its airliner family, the 737, still further. The latest version is called the 737-500, and is aimed at short/medium-range routes generating small numbers of passengers. Four airlines have placed initial orders for a total of 73 737-500s, worth \$2.1 billion in total. Roll-out is planned for May 1989, with first deliveries in March 1990.

McDonnell Douglas, which in the military sector is working with British Aerospace to develop an advanced version of the Harrier vertical take-off fighter for the US Marines, and a version of the Hawk trainer for the US Navy, is also capitalizing on its long-term investment in its airliner range. The company is developing new versions of its MD-80 narrow-body airliner, which traces its lineage back to the DC-9, the first of which — like the Boeing 737 — first flew in the middle 1960s.

But McDonnell Douglas's most important recent decision in the airliner sector was to proceed with the development of the MD-11, a long-range, wide-bodied aircraft based on the airframe of the long-serving DC-10. Like the 400 series version of the 747, the MD-11 has little in common with its predecessors, having all the latest technological advances built in, and particularly an all-digital flight deck.

The light or general-aviation sector of US aerospace is going through hard times at present, and the manufacturers are making full use of the showcases that the Paris *salon* offers to parade their wares. The three great names in this sector of the business, Cessna, Beechcraft, and Piper, will between them display more than a dozen aircraft, ranging from two-seater sports aircraft to luxurious business jets.



Star of the show: US Air Force B-1B bomber

have a significant impact on helicopter design in the future.

Although the Osprey has obvious implications for military aviation, there will be nothing very new of a military nature from the US at the show. The United States Air Force has been making plans to fly a B1-B bomber, now in operational service, to Le Bourget, and there will be two F-16 fighters, and an F-18 fighter, the latter in the colours of the Royal Canadian Air Force, on display.

The B1-B constitutes the biggest current military project in the US aerospace industry costing \$20.5 billion by the time it is complete. Restarted by President Reagan after it had been cancelled by President Carter, the B1-B is designed for the intruder role at altitudes as low as 200ft.

The project has vociferous critics, among them those who doubt its ability to get through Soviet air defences with its nuclear bomb load.

Supporters of the B1-B in this role have, however, been heartened by the ease with which the young West German pilot flying a Cessna light aircraft at low level from Finland, did just that recently, before landing in Red Square, Moscow.

Criticisms of the technology that has been built into the B1-B have concentrated on its weight, which went up by 7,000lb compared with that of the original B1-A, the efficacy of its advanced radar system, which enables the aircraft to follow the terrain over which it is flying with the pilot's hands off the controls, and the fact that early models off the production line suffered from fuel leaks.

The USAF's answer to the charge concerning increased weight, which means that the B1-B cannot fly as high as the B-52, the long-serving bomber which it is replacing or even a civilian Boeing 747 airliner, is that it is not meant to.

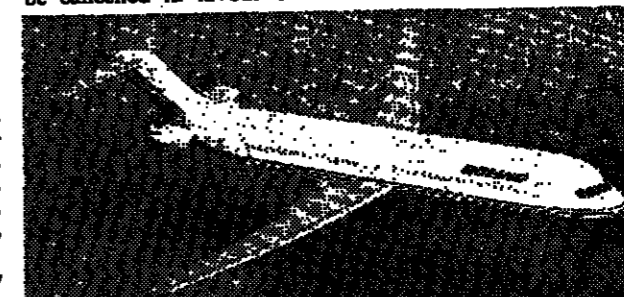
As mentioned above, the aircraft's essential role is low-level penetration, and the latest information from the Dyess Air Force base, Texas, where the B1-B squadrons are based, is that they are now taking B1-Bs down to 500ft in training.

Although a massive programme involving many hundreds of companies within the

forces abroad. The US continues to encourage its allies to establish assembly lines in their own countries, and this can be seen as a way of slowing the trend towards smaller countries designing and manufacturing indigenous fighter aircraft.

In this, the United States has recently been encouraged by events in the countries of two of its allies, Israel and Japan.

Israel has its Lavi fighter, which, although powered by a US engine and with US-built wings, is the first to be designed in Israel. Two prototypes are now flying, but criticisms of the cost of the project since it was begun in 1979 are reaching crescendo (the Lavi has already cost the equivalent of \$1.3 billion, and will require a further \$2 billion before it is complete), and there is a possibility that it will be cancelled in favour of a



Shape of the future: a model of the Boeing 737

decision to buy more F-16s off the American shelf.

In Japan, where American aerospace products have dominated in both the military and sectors since the end of the Second World War, there has been a strong recent move to begin an indigenous project to replace three squadrons of ground-support fighters. The worth of the deal would be in the region of \$7 billion.

Although some opinion in Japan is that the home aerospace industry should be allowed to flex its muscles on such a project, there is another strong view that it would be far too expensive, and unnecessary, when the ubiquitous US F-16 is on offer.

In the civil sector of United States aerospace, greatest interest at the Paris *salon* will be concentrated on Boeing's plans to launch a 150-seat airliner, coded the 737, powered by unducted fan

Lockheed is bringing a P3 Orion airborne early warning aircraft. Contran, a company specializing in hanging quiet engines on elderly aircraft so that they can operate from airports where new, tough noise regulations apply, is showing a Boeing 707, suitably "hushed".

The latest in US aerospace technology will be on show in the American industry pavilion. Up to the last minute before the show opened, it was hoped that the Voyager aircraft in which Richard Rutan and Jeana Yeager flew round the world non-stop in December last year would be present. With its advanced, all-composite design, it will provide the perfect foil to the replica of the original Ryan NYP Spirit of St Louis aircraft in which Charles Lindbergh flew non-stop between New York and Paris in 33 hours, 39 minutes on May 20-21, 1927.

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A few clues to the secrets of Soviet techno

The Soviet Union has been a supporter of the Paris *salon* for many years past, using the occasion as a shop window in the West to show off her space and aerospace technology.

This year is no exception. The Russians are bringing six aircraft, and will feature in their pavilion the story behind their space station Mir, which has been orbiting with two astronauts on board since February.

Like the other space nations at this *salon*, the Russians will place the accent on the peaceful, rather than the military, uses of space. They will be eager to bring over the message that their space shots have continued while both the Americans and the Europeans have been grounded following the failures of the shuttle and Ariane last year. It is unlikely that the Soviets will mention the failure of one of their Proton boosters during the launch sequence, with the loss of its payload of three navigation satellites.

Hardware inside the Soviet pavilion is of more interest to Western aerospace observers than the Soviet aircraft parked on the flight line, for in the pavilion it is possible to get close to the latest technology and define what progress the Russians are making in design, metals and fabrication techniques. At the 1985 *salon*, for instance, a feature of the

Soviet indoor display was a big-fan jet engine of the type manufactured by General Electric, Rolls-Royce and Pratt and Whitney to drive the Boeing 747 jumbo jet.

Technical experts from the West who scrutinized this powerplant in detail concluded that although it was a significant advance on anything the Russians had produced before, it was still years behind products from the West in pure technology terms.

The Soviet Union's ability to turn out vast numbers of aircraft is well known, but the point the quality that goes into those aircraft has reached is far more difficult to pin down — that is where the *salon* is so valuable to the West.

The brochures describing their entries handed out by the Soviet bureau charged with the task of selling abroad, Aviaexport, is of little help, being generalized and bland, nor will their aircraft at Paris provide many clues. All but one have been seen in the West before, the exception being a small new piston-engine helicopter, the Mil Mi-34, which is of little interest.

Overshadowing all the others will be the giant Antonov An-124 freighter, but this made its first appearance at Paris two years ago, and was



Russian giant: the Yakovlev Yak-42, the Soviet Union's 120-seat intercontinental airliner

also paraded at Farnborough last autumn. Alongside it will stand three airliners, the 120-seat Yakovlev Yak-42, the Antonov An-28 17-seater, and the An-74 eight-seater, and a small competition aircraft.

Of these, the Yak-42 is the most interesting, as it is designed to be a regional airliner and to fly routes that

Worries over airport curbs

take it to airports in the West where new noise regulations are being introduced making it increasingly difficult for airliners powered by older, technically unsophisticated engines to operate.

Although no such restrictions apply on their domestic routes, the Russians are becoming increasingly aware of their international obligations, and claim that the Lotarev D-36 jets on the Yak-42 come within the latest noise rules. They are also worried that the intercontinental-range airliners they

operate between Moscow and New York and Washington may be caught when in a few years' time the Americans tighten still further the already tough noise regulations imposed at their airports.

Although the Ilyushin Il-62 airliner meets today's US noise restrictions, Aeroflot is proposing to introduce by the end of the decade the new Il-96, powered by engines that are both quieter and more fuel-efficient than their predecessors, on its routes to America.

A great deal of new aerospace technology is expected to be introduced into Aeroflot in the near future by a revitalized management led by Alexander Volkov, who recently succeeded the long-serving Boris Bugayev. And as part of Mikhail Gorbachev's more relaxed domestic regime, the 110 million passengers who annually travel with the Soviet airline may in future see more of what Western air passengers take for granted — items such as computerized reservations

and in-flight catering even on short routes.

What there will not be at the Paris show is any real clue as to the Soviet Union's progress in military aviation, or the military uses of space. But Western intelligence indicates that the Mikoyan, Sukhoi and Tupolev design bureaux all have aircraft flying that are certainly approaching the latest aerodynamic thinking in the West, and which are equipped with radars and missile systems sufficiently advanced to make them powerful adversaries.

Speeds twice that of sound, or around 1,400mph, are commonplace in this latest generation of Soviet fighters and bombers, it is known. But whether the engines powering these aircraft have built into them the lengthy time between overhauls that is commonplace in the West, or whether they are still operated on the old Soviet aviation principle of "run until it wears out, and then fit a new one", remains in doubt.

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The high fliers from many foreign skies

This Paris *salon* sees displayed a remarkable number of aircraft and aviation equipment items from countries with small but rapidly growing aerospace industries.

Interest will be generated by the appearance, for the first time at an air show in the West, of three aircraft from China — two fighters and a small transport — plus a small remotely piloted vehicle.

All three aircraft are based on original Soviet designs, but the way in which they have been modernized with help from aerospace companies in Europe, the United States and Asia will be scrutinized closely by professional visitors.

China's aerospace industry is growing fast and is more powerful than many in the West realize. As well as buying almost every type of airliner made in Europe and the US, plus the technology that goes with such sales, it is pushing hard its own military aircraft in Third World markets, at giveaway prices by western standards.

Argentina is bringing a two-seat, turbo-prop training plane, the Pampa. Brazil, whose aerospace industry has shown startling expansion in recent years, will show its Tucano trainer and its 30-seat Brasília commuter airliner. Chile will exhibit a trainer, the Ascan.

Spain is another country with a rapidly blooming aerospace industry, a trend that

has received a considerable boost since Casa, the national aircraft manufacturer, joined the Airbus Industrie European consortium as a minor partner. Casa is showing its two-seat Aviojet trainer, two versions, military and civil, of its 26-seat passenger or cargo Aviocar, and the CN235 transport, which it is developing with Indonesia.

Finland is due to bring two light training aircraft, and Italy has an impressive list of entrants, among them the AMX fighter, which it is developing with the Brazilian aerospace industry; a Tornado bomber it is manufacturing in partnership with Britain and West Germany, and a group of helicopters. Israel Aircraft Industries will demonstrate the US Phantom fighter it has re-engineered as the Phantom 2000.

Fokker, the Dutch aerospace company, has two new airliners on show at Paris for the first time. They are the Fokker 100, a 100-seat, twin-jet (powered by Rolls-Royce Tay engines) developed from the old F-28 airliners, and the Fokker 50, a 50-seat twin turbo-prop, whose ancestor is the now discontinued F-27 Friendship. Both aircraft are well into their development programmes. The Fokker 50 was awarded its type certificate by the Dutch Civil Aviation Department just before the *salon* opened.

First deliveries of Fokker 50s will begin this summer. Orders stand at 43 aircraft

plus 14 options for seven customers in seven countries.

Poland is exhibiting two small military trainers at the show, and Czechoslovakia has indicated that it will enter four aircraft, the largest a 15-seat commuter airliner.

Two small European countries with thriving aerospace industries are Switzerland and Sweden. Both are bringing the latest products of their production lines.

Switzerland will display a Bravo civil/military trainer, three aircraft from its PC family of trainers and four versions of the Islander, designed originally by the Britten-Norman company in the Isle of Wight and now taken over by Pilatus. Two of the Islanders have been converted to carry radars, for airborne early-warning and maritime-surveillance duties.

SAAB, of Sweden, will fly its 35-seat, twin turbo-prop 340 regional airliner, which is having reasonable sales success in Europe and the US in an overcrowded sector of the airliner market.

Unusually, the Swedes are not bringing any of their family of military aircraft, although they will try to sell their latest interceptor, the Gripen (Griffon), which was rolled out of its assembly hangar for the first time only just before the *salon*, and has yet to make its maiden flight.

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Airlines zooming into the billion class this year

With the recovery of their business from the slump following the American bombing of Libya and the Chernobyl nuclear disaster now almost complete, world airlines are again in a spending mood.

Estimates by the International Air Transport Association (Iata) indicate that member airlines will need to acquire at least 4,000 airliners by the mid-1990s, about 1,800 of these to replace existing units, the rest to accommodate increases in traffic. With spares, these orders should be worth up to \$200 billion to the aerospace industries at Le Bourget.

An increasingly large proportion of these new airliners will be leased by the airlines, rather than bought. This trend is running strongly through the aviation industry now,

the main advantage being that the airlines can trade the aircraft back after a short time if they find they need smaller or larger equipment, or if other types more advanced technologically come along.

British Airways is to lease 16 new Boeing 747-400s, costing \$2.3 billion, which it is to bring into service from early-1989.

Encouragingly for the airlines, and for the companies supplying them with their aircraft, engines, electronics and equipment, the public's enthusiasm for air travel shows no sign of waning. The airlines of the 157 contracting states of the International Civil Aviation Organization (Icao) carried a total of 950 million passengers last year, plus 14.7 million tonnes of freight.

Early indications are that passenger traffic could rise by 6 per cent this year, pushing the total number of travellers in any one year through the 1,000 million barrier for the first time. Freight will show a slightly higher rise.

As traffic increases, the pattern of air transport is changing. During the last decade, the combined

Smaller companies have been taken over

shares of international traffic of the old-established airlines of Europe and North America fell from 63.4 per cent to 56.5 per cent, while that of the emergent airlines of Asia and the Pacific rim increased from 19.8 per cent to 28 per cent.

In the US, the fierce economic climate resulting from deregulation has led to many small airlines being taken over, and to the emergence of a small group of giant "mega-carriers". When these airlines buy new airliners, they do so in hundreds, rather than in dozens, and several of them are looking to Europe, as well as to their traditional suppliers in the US, for their equipment.

Pan American, Northwest, Continental and Eastern all fly, or will soon fly, Airbus Industrie aircraft.

Growing up under the wing of these mega-carriers is a new generation of small airlines that feed passengers and cargo into the traffic hubs of their bigger brothers. Their aircraft requirements are proving fertile ground for the

manufacturers of commuter aircraft, and many of these aircraft are being bought from aerospace companies in Europe.

European airlines are under increasing pressure from the EEC to become more competitive. But though some sponsoring governments have introduced an element of liberalization into fares and routes licences, others continue to stand firm.

The European Community is threatening court action against airlines failing to comply with its directives. In the longer term, Brussels wants to see an aviation Common Market starting in 1992, with member airlines free to fly anywhere they wish within the European Community area. Thus, Lufthansa, the West German air-

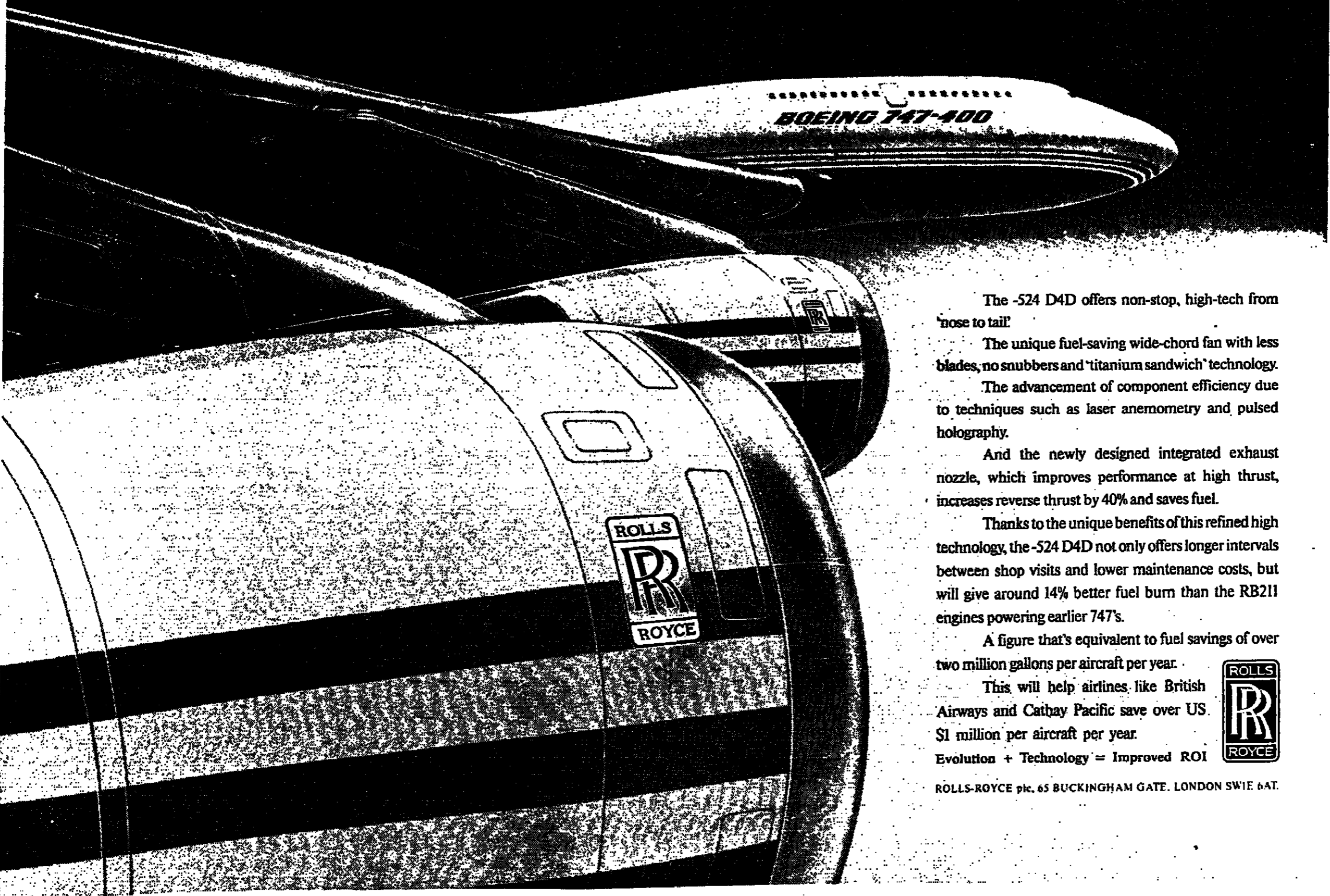
line, could operate between London and Glasgow, while British Airways could open a Paris-Rome route. Few leaders of the European airline industry believe that such radical changes can be introduced within the timescale set by the Community.

Others believe, however, that the European airlines must act in concert far more than now if what they conceive as a serious threat from the American mega-carriers is to be deflected.

The big US airlines are opening more and more new routes into Europe, using the big profits they make from their US domestic networks to subsidize early losses. But the US is unwilling to allow the European airlines to open similar services in its country.

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Fishing party

"I hope you haven't been abusing the fabric of the house", said the evangelical Marjorie in Marjorie and the Preacherman (BBC1), a comedy by Stephen Bill and Jim Broadbent which paddled its way rather laboriously through the murky shallows of religious fundamentalism.

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moor. This fisher of men, or rather mainly young girls, threw back his catches from the river of life so they could be born again.

Alas, his chosen waters of salvation became a river of death when the BBC investigative journalist inadvertently got too much in the swim of things and drowned - despite looking a cross between those renowned men of action, Clark Kent and the editor of the Daily Telegraph.

Some of the more comical BBC men commune with nature on camera. Those who effuse over flora rather than fauna are the funniest, no doubt because they can roar enthusiasm at plants without fear of being eaten.

The Eldon Street Revival (BBC2) was a tale of Liverpoolians who had the fabric of their lives as well as their houses abused. Their lives response is a co-operative housing project on the site of the Tate and Lyle factory whose closure devastated their community.

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Brilliant round of discontent

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The Three Sisters
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In spite of knowing that different interpretations of a great play are countless, it is still a revelation to watch the knock-on effect a few changes have on the other performances.

In the days when the Moscow Arts used to bring their Chekhov productions over here they showed us a Tusenbach so romantically raffine it was a mystery Irina did not pick up her snow-white skirts and run off with him in the middle of Act I.

Heyland is one of six changes of cast since this vibrant production, using Michael Frayn's admirably clear translation, was reviewed by Irving Wardle at its Greenwich premiere.

The revolve moves on to catch up with the sitting-room again for the rest of the second act, and revolves again for the convex bedroom and concave garden sets that follow.

Jeremy Kingston



Erosion of all the fatuous hopes: Hywel Bennett as Andrey and Susan Penhaligon as a vulgar Natasha in The Three Sisters

garden sets that follow. There is an image here of the carousel of discontent on which all the characters are helplessly trapped, with precious little likelihood of escape.

The production is tremendously physical. Katharine Schlessinger's Irina is violently whirled off her feet by Ron Cook's Solyony, and the mellifluous, rather dainty Vershinin of Ian Ogilvy approaches Francesca Annis's Masha by such a circuitous route around the furniture that, when his hand finally touches hers, there is an almost electric shock at the contact.

Jeremy Kingston

Starts in the Middle
Offstage Downstairs

To sustain a one-person show you need something more or less than normal performing skill. The most memorable solo performers project outside or peculiar personalities, and mesmerize audiences with their eccentricity (like Rowan Atkinson) or shocking awfulness (like Barry Humphries or Joan Rivers).

Not that she lacks character: this blonde, handsome New Yorker quickly persuades you that she has lived life to the full as daughter, mother, wife, lover, friend, and it is hard to resist her flashing, wide-mouthed smile.

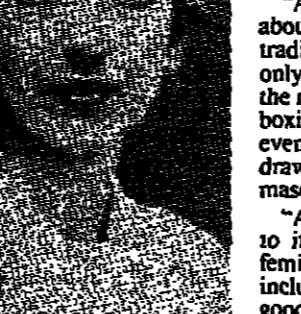
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With friends like this, as well as a nymphomaniac mother and unfaithful husband, it is not surprising that Ms Heit's main character, Harriet Ferment, goes off the rails in the more serious second half. It is a bit like the switch from early to later Woody Allen, and the gain in "realism" and confessional intimacy brings a comparable loss of humour and bite.

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Sally-Jane Heit is at her best in the more pointed songs in the first half, when she attempts a chatty routine between songs, she seems to be talking to an audience of 400 rather than 40. It is a confident, competent evening's work, but one is left feeling that the rather well-worn subject-matter needs a more individual slant.

Harry Eyres



Oates: "A celebration of energy"

Pugilistic primacy

Joyce Carol Oates has taken the American critics by surprise with her concise and inspired volume On Boxing. "I can't imagine putting one's whole life on the line all that you are up to that moment, and stepping into the ring any more than I can imagine stepping into oblivion", she says. "Maybe it's partly because I'm a woman. But it is one of the reasons why I am fascinated by boxing."

Oates sees boxing as a haven from the chaos and routine violence of American ghetto life. She says that if one wants to abolish boxing one should abolish poverty first. "The boxing ring is so much more safe for them than being out on the streets. There are rules in the ring. They enter the gym and they can't smoke any more and can't drink any more. And their life-expectancy immediately increases. Mike Tyson, for instance, with whom I became acquainted just a little, was saying that many of his friends from his old neighbourhood are dead now. And some are in jail. And he would probably be dead now if he hadn't retrained and been saved by way of boxing.

Richard Morrison

OPERA
The Journey to Rheims
Guildhall School

The story of how Rossini's last opera in Italian, The Journey to Rheims, was left to languish in an Italian library until the 1970s is well rehearsed, and amends have been made through performances and a commercial recording. But it has taken the enterprise of the Guildhall School of Music to resurrect it for a live British audience.

Every brief poem, song or memory of a Glasgow childhood is applauded by this theatre of 20-year-olds, many of whom arrived late, fidgeted in their seats and went traipsing off to the lavatory like infants at a panto.

Still, it is not my job to review the audience and Ivor Cutler - no fool - doubtless has his own views concerning his success. Wearing loose clothes and a curious head-covering in purple plush, resembling one of Queen Mary's toques without the feathers, he tiptoes out of the wings as if afraid the stage might swallow him up if it suspected he was there.

Harry Eyres

CONCERT
Auger/Krause/Gage
St John's/Radio 3

Noises off, from the rampant politicians around Smith Square, occasionally intruded upon the exquisite miniatures of Hugo Wolf's Spanish and Italian Song-Books, but never broke the spell cast in this absorbing BBC lunchtime recital by two fine Lieder singers. Arleen Auger and Tom Krause, and that intelligent pianist Irwin Gage.

Richard Morrison

CONCERT
Auger/Krause/Gage
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Auger's real strength, however, lies in her ability to open out the voice, developing a blazing intensity in the more passionate songs, without sacrificing any of her tonal quality or sophisticated articulation. The complex moods and vaulting phrases of the big "Geh' Geliebter" were admirably projected; better still was her childlike gentleness in the lovely "Wir haben beide lange Zeit".

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Uphill battle for Russians at Chernobyl

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authorities to convey an atmosphere approaching normality.

"The trouble is that we still know very little about the effects of radiation," a Ukrainian official told me. "That is why the Army men are old enough to have already fathered their children."

Throughout the 18-mile zone, to which only 300 of the 135,000 evacuees have yet been permitted to return, houses are becoming overgrown and many bear the triangular sign warning of excessive radiation.

Among those 10,000 civilians also working in the 18-mile zone (6,000 back at the plant) jokes about infertility are common.

About one in 50 have to throw away all their clothes on returning to their special prefabricated settlement, because they are found to be dangerously irradiated.

Despite the blackspots such as that our small group happened on, the authorities insist that, in general, radiation levels are continuing to drop. According to official figures, some 90 per cent of the staff before the accident have now returned to their old jobs in what appear appallingly difficult conditions.

"How many would have done so in the West?" asked one official, justifiably proud of the spirit which abounds. But in addition to the bravery of individuals, there is an air of fatalism, combined with a dash of straight machismo. ("What sort of dose did you get?" is a frequent question to those who have just returned).

Some five kilometers from the plant is the ghost town of Pripyat, which once housed 50,000 people. The reminders of the mass evacuation, which began at 2 pm on April 27 last year, are still everywhere to be seen. In the high-rise buildings which line the weed-covered boulevards washing still hangs in lines on balconies, in strangely moving silent witness to the forced exodus.

Although one third of the flats have been decontaminated, there is little chance that the town will ever be habitable again. Turning a corner towards the centre, our bus suddenly came across a surrealistic dump of more than 2,000 cars and motor-cycles abandoned.

Amid the countless stories of heroism which surround the disaster and its aftermath, special contempt is reserved, by those now back at Chernobyl, for the men who deserted their posts and others (some of whom suffered severe radiation sickness) whose foolhardy experiments caused the initial explosion.

Mr Kovalenko told *The Times* that on July 5 the plant's former Director, Mr Viktor Brukhanov, the former chief engineer and his ex-deputy, would be brought back into the zone from a Kiev jail to face a controversial trial in which all three will be charged with criminal negligence.

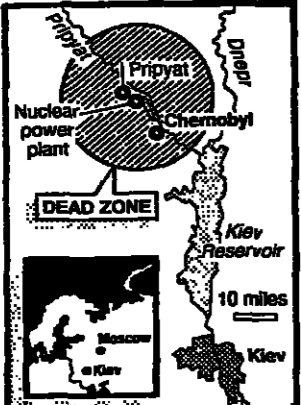
"The trial will take place under a judge from the Soviet Supreme Court in that building," said Mr Kovalenko, pointing to the town's former "House of Culture".

Two of the men have already argued unsuccessfully through their lawyers that they have already suffered high doses of radiation and should not have to come back into the zone. They wanted to be tried in Kiev instead.

"There will be room for a few foreign journalists," Mr Kovalenko added pointedly. "But it will be restricted to those whose coverage of events has been objective."

Looking much older than his 33 years, Mr Kovalenko was one of many senior officials inside the danger zone who conspicuously ignored their own printed safety leaflets and chain-smoked virtually non-stop.

"When you have to live as dangerously as they do, I suppose that a few hundred cigarettes either way is going to make little difference," said another reporter, also breaking the rules with obvious relief.



Map showing Chernobyl, Kiev, and the exclusion zone.

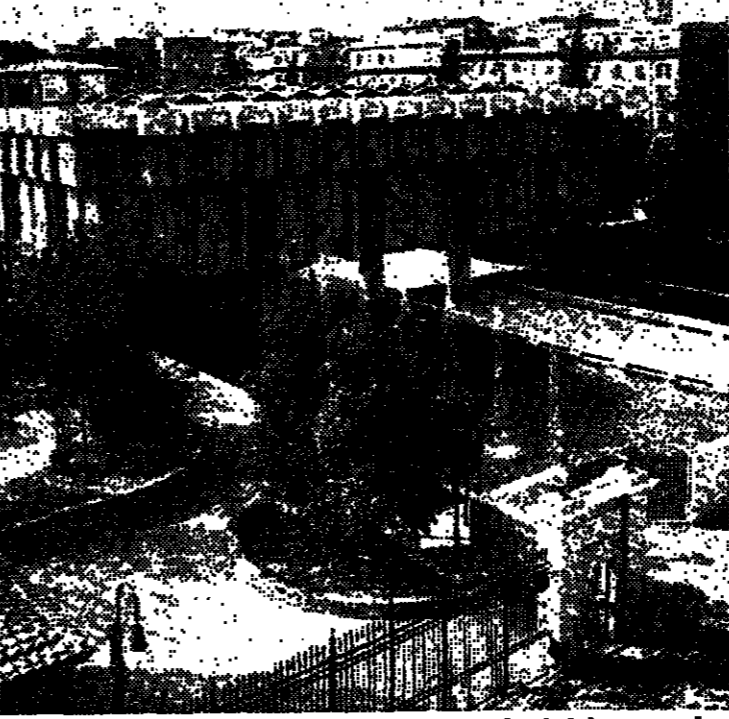
Attack on summit embassies



Wreckage strewn in the road outside the US embassy in Rome after a car bomb attack during the economic summit.



Policemen examining the rocket launcher.



A bomb thrown at the British embassy landed in a pond.

Hope in Venice for Prime Minister

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for eight years, that Britain had had a "tremendous influence" on past summits, and that no country now questioned the British policies of "durable non-inflationary sustained growth."

The "steady" policies pursued since she has been attending the world summit were beginning to bear fruit, she said.

As Mrs Thatcher returned to the campaign trail with her final rally speech at Harrogate last night, Conservative election strategists probably concluded that the summit gamble, as in 1983, had again paid off.

After a long discussion at a working dinner when Mrs Thatcher arrived on Monday night, the heads of government yesterday approved a statement on East-West relations which committed each country to "maintaining a strong and credible defence and reaffirmed 'the continuing importance of nuclear deterrence in preserving peace.'"

Whether all the other leaders intended it or not, they have given Mrs Thatcher an important final trump card in the crucial election argument about defence.

Speaking before she boarded her motor launch for the airport Mrs Thatcher said that the deterrent was vital. "We all believe that. We all believe the nuclear deterrent is going to be vital to our peace for many years to come."

She said that it was "specially pleasing" because it looked as if the West's firm strategy of deploying cruise and Pershing missiles would be successful in leading to an agreement to reduce nuclear weapons in a balanced and very visible way. "We are on course for getting the first reduction in nuclear weapons we have ever had."

As she emerged from the summit building she also hailed the agreement reached yesterday on terrorism which, for the first time, committed each country to the principle of making no concessions to terrorists or their sponsors.

In her contribution to yesterday's discussion Mrs Thatcher said that previous summits had been important in bringing down inflation, reducing interest rates and producing sustained growth for five continuous years. But she said that problems remained, including unemployment.

Her remarks about imbalances were aimed particularly at Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, with whom she had a brief discussion before yesterday's full summit session, at which she urged him to do more to open up the Japanese markets.

Mrs Thatcher began her tight schedule yesterday with a 45-minute discussion with President Reagan at his hotel. They discussed the Gulf crisis and agreed that the United Nations should be asked to take effective action to help bring the Iran-Iraq war to an end and to ensure freedom of navigation.

Snake-like charm enlivens the left

With his lips pursed and his smile faltering, Mr Norman Tebbit spent most of the morning's press conference looking as if about to kiss a peculiarly hirsute maiden aunt.

His backing group, three unknown ministers all called John and a party-faced Peter Walker, did little to add to the glamour. Only when making reference to the loony left did the meeting come alive.

As the election has rolled on, the loony left has become the mainstay of the Conservative campaign. Until they are mentioned, Mr Tebbit whistles away his time looking knowing and practising his smirk.

Then someone mentions the loony left and the platform comes alive. Tarantula! Tarantula! Perhaps Mr Bernie Grant should be appointed Minister for the Loony Left in any future Conservative government, with specific responsibility for offset remarks about forcing all policemen to become homosexuals.

Those members of the Labour Party who are not Kremlin-sponsored loonies are, of course, hypocrites. Just before the conference began Mr Denis Healey had exchanged words with Miss Anne Diamond, a television presenter.

This was just what Mr Tebbit needed.

"I do wish Mr Healey could have made his point somewhat less aggressively," Anne Diamond said this morning, "Norman said, with all the grace of a snake, criticizing a carthorse for swatting a fly."

At Hammersmith later in the day Mr Tebbit spoke up for the loony left. "They're not loony left at all, and we should remember that. They are now mainstream left. They are the people who have given Neil Kinnock post-dated cheques for when he's in power."

The loony left are to Tebbit what the multinationals are to Tony Benn: not so much an inconvenience as an explanation for original sin. Like Benn, Tebbit can trace all the world's ills back to one original conspiracy.

In the Tebbit mythology everything can be explained by the loony left.

Was Mr Ken Livingstone in Dallas on the afternoon of November 22, 1963? More than likely. Was Mr Bernie Grant by any chance steering an iceberg when the luxury liner The Titanic set sail? But of course. And does Miss Linda Bellos take holidays aloft on Loch Ness? Most certainly.

"How's business?" Mr Tebbit asked a Hammersmith shopkeeper, and then answered himself, "All right except for the rates, eh? We just have to bound the hard left councillors out, don't we? That's right!"

Around him, canvassers spread pamphlets stating "10 reasons not to vote Labour" ("4: Extremism: Hard left activists riddle the party at every level. They are well entrenched in local government").

Moving on to the constituency of Westminster North it was found that Mr Tebbit's proposed walkabout site was already occupied by Labour canvassers.

"We've got to change plans because of The Labour woman running back to the Tory minibus explained. "Bad to run off like this" argued a Tory man, "It might appear that we're frightened."

Generally we enjoy taking on these political agitators" the woman explained apologetically.

On a fresh stretch of pavement, Mr Tebbit was greeted by a passer-by from Hackney who was upset by, yes, the loony left.

"My constituency, Chingford, is full of emigrants from Hackney," Mr Tebbit announced. "Mind you, we've got a crazy left candidate there too!"

The crazy left? He has been told of the hard left, the far left, and the loony left, but we must now accustom ourselves to the crazy left!

Do they trip up senior citizens in the street, chanting Baa Baa Sheep Persons while rolling their eyes? Are they hell-bent on nationalizing the Duchesse of York and making regular riots obligatory for anyone in Brixton and surrounding areas? I think we should be told.

And so off Mr Tebbit went to Hampstead, home of arty left activist Melvyn Bragg, nurturing plans to force all council house tenants to read his novels or pay crippling fines.

But Mr Tebbit will have noticed this. Under a Conservative government, you will be able to pay someone to read them for you privately.

Bavdra to meet aide

The ousted Prime Minister of Fiji, Dr Timoci Bavdra, yesterday conceded to a meeting with the Queen's Private Secretary, Sir William Heseltine, after previously insisting that he would only be satisfied with an audience with the Queen. Following "very confidential" talks between his advisers and Sir William at Buckingham Palace yesterday, his aides announced that he would meet the Queen's aide this morning.

On Monday Dr Bavdra insisted that as the democratically elected leader of Fiji he expected to discuss Fiji's political crisis with the Queen. The Fijian leader, who was overthrown in a military coup last month, came to Britain in an attempt to rally support from the Queen, who is the Fijian head of state. But, acting on the advice of her representative on the islands, the Governor-General, Ratu Sir Penia Ganilau, the Queen refused Dr Bavdra an audience.

Healey's TV-am clash

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Mr Heseltine told *The Times*: "When the programme went off air, he turned to her, he was obviously livid, and said: 'you shit'."

Mr Healey said in the programme: "The Sun story is full of lies. Every word which appears by my wife to have been said yesterday was actually said two years ago."

"Because of the damage the Tories have caused to the health service she would have had to wait three years for the operation, so she exercised her right to use her money."

Mr Neil Kinnock was later asked if he would resort to private health care if one of his children was seriously ill.

He said: "No, I have never been faced with the dilemma fortunately but what I have always said and would say is that if I had a child in agony, and if it was impossible to secure attention for them, I would do anything."

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,379

ACROSS

- Author's total bill returned (5).
- Film's sponsor (9).
- Tells Macaulay to lead on to fresh fields and pastures new (9).
- Next to bid, East doubled South, oddly (6).
- Yearly expense for tenant of older generation (8).
- State in Africa associated with lion, in a way (10).
- Bound to pass over (4).
- Needed in broadcast (sound only) (4).
- One who wants to go after oil - benevolent type (4-b).
- Map's initial creator, possibly (8).
- Pain sreaker runs without (6).
- Course record, partly (5).
- Italian range - doesn't begin to equal ours (9).
- Drew the line after maiden, perhaps, was dominating (9).
- Offence experimentally linked with trial (5).

DOWN

- Ripostes appear to surmount defence (4-5).
- Old lady who painted national leader (5).
- Vent opinion regarding picture only? (5-3).
- A wicket, perhaps, for the speculators (4).
- Poor dressing can make food liable to be awful (10).
- Fisherman's article acted as lure (5).
- Disturbing thing to be told, in fact (4-5).
- Size of paper that's by no means common (5).
- Breach of the peace leading to no charges (4-3-3).
- Small as this country is, unlike USA (5,4).
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THE SOLUTION TO PUZZLE No 17,378

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 JAMES MONTAINS
 NEWFOREST HACK
 BURNING PALMIAE
 GAILRUBALIAE
 AELELIRILE
 NORM REIDADMIRAL

Concise Crossword, page 26

WEATHER

There will be showers in all areas tomorrow. Eastern and southern England will have a cloudy day with heavy, perhaps thundery showers or longer spells of rain. Wales and north western England will have a rather cloudy day with some sunny spells and scattered showers. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have bright or sunny spells, with scattered showers which may be heavy in the east. It will be generally cool with light winds in the south but with moderate or fresh northerly winds along exposed Scottish coasts. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: It will remain rather cloudy and showery with a period of more prolonged rain in the south east at first.

ABROAD

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Athens	c 22 82
Barcelona	c 22 82
Bombay	c 22 82
Buenos Aires	c 22 82
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AROUND BRITAIN

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HIGH TIDES

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1761.3 (+34.1)
FT-SE 100 2265.2 (+36.8)
Bargains 50389 (50082)
USM (Datastream) 181.75 (+0.96)

THE POUND

US dollar 1.6580 (+0.0190)
W German mark 2.9728 (+0.0152)
Trade-weighted 73.3 (+0.6)

Siebe rises to £62m before tax

Meaty contributions from its recent purchases in the US helped Siebe, the engineering firm, to almost double its pretax profits last year and to refocus the aim of its business firmly on electronics and controls.

Raper resigns

Dr Graham Raper has resigned as deputy chairman and chief executive of Deyr Corporation, the engineering and construction group, because of ill-health.

Apricot attack

Directors of Apricot Computers attacked the swift rejection of its £14.7 million bid for Wordplex Information Systems.

SUMMARY

Table with columns for Stock Markets and Main Price Changes, listing various indices and company prices.

INTEREST RATES

Table listing interest rates for various financial instruments like London Bank Base, 3-month Treasury Bills, etc.

CURRENCIES

Table showing exchange rates for London, New York, and other major currencies.

GOLD

Table listing gold prices in London and New York.

NORTH SEA OIL

Table listing oil prices for Brent and other North Sea oil fields.

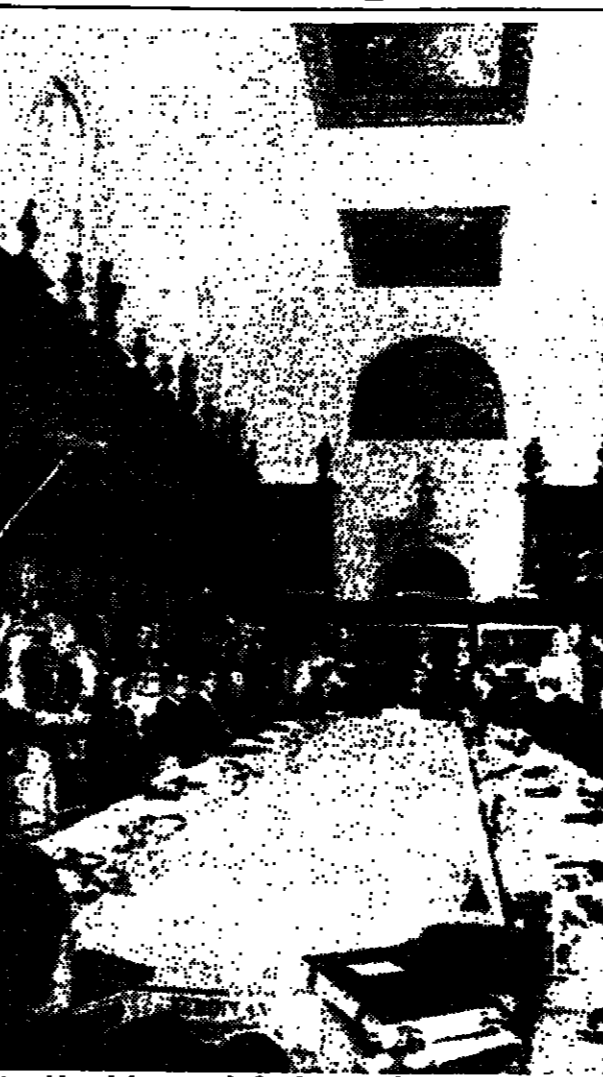
Table listing commodity prices for various goods like wheat, sugar, etc.

Table listing market indices and prices for various commodities and currencies.

Finance ministers agree to extend economic cooperation

Venice: 'useful step forward'

The finance ministers of the seven major industrial countries yesterday agreed to extend the process of economic policy coordination. However, most of the summit countries meeting in Venice held out against a US proposal for the publication of indicators of economic performance and automatic policy action when performance diverged from agreed limits.



At table: ministers ready for the start of yesterday's session

Japan pressed on C&W

The Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, pressed the issue of Cable & Wireless's participation in the Japanese telecommunications market, in a brief meeting with Japan's Prime Minister yesterday.

Metal Box looks to expansion

Metal Box is planning a range of new products, and after years of reorganization costs and heavy staff pruning is in an expansion mood, the board reported yesterday.

Unigate profits above £100m

Profits at Unigate, the dairy products, poultry and distribution group, have broken through the £100 million level. The pretax result for the year to March 31 was up 26 per cent to £104.7 million on turnover up just 3 per cent to £1.97 billion.

Rush for Tie Rack makes ballot likely

The Tie Rack share offer has been "heavily oversubscribed," Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank, said yesterday, and because of the wave of applications counting was still going on last night.

Bank director

Mr Alan Newman, chief general manager of the Bell Group, is appointed a director of Standard Chartered Bank.

US setback for Maxwell

The attempt by Mr Robert Maxwell to prevent Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, the US publisher, from carrying out a massive reconstruction of its capital as a defence against takeover bids has suffered a setback.

Search to cut losses after £42m takeover of Thorn-EMI

Electrolux sends in task forces

Electrolux, the world's biggest white goods producer which finalized a £42 million deal last weekend to buy Thorn-EMI's troubled domestic electrical appliances operation, yesterday sent in a series of task forces to find ways of cutting losses through consolidation.

Manufacturers Hanover 'to lift loss reserves'

Manufacturers Hanover Corporation is prepared to increase its loan loss reserves to \$1.75 billion (£1.04 billion) in a move that would effectively force all large US banks to accept big losses on their Third World loans, industry sources said yesterday.

Cole sells 27.5% stake in Buckley's

Buckley's Brewery, the small Welsh company, was preparing for another battle yesterday after Mr Tony Cole of Bestwood, who failed to win a seat in the boardroom, sold his 27.5 per cent stake to the financiers who run the revitalized financial services group James Ferguson Holdings.

Advertisement for 'AT LAST! The No Reference Mortgage/Remortgage' by The Arlington Group. Includes details about the mortgage process, interest rates, and contact information.

BUSINESS SUMMARY

Prontaprint Holdings passes final dividend

Prontaprint Holdings, the printing shop franchiser, yesterday announced that it "would not be prudent to recommend a final dividend to be paid" after a disastrous year's trading...

The decline in profitability was foreshadowed at the half-year stage. The results, to year end March 27, heralded a 3p fall in the shares to 85p. The company was floated on the USM two years ago at 138p a share.

US farm trade surplus rises

The US is expected to make a farm trade surplus of \$7.5 billion in the year ending in September, compared with \$5.4 billion in 1986, Mr Richard Lyng (right), the Agriculture Secretary, said yesterday.



Workforce backs R-R

Sir Francis Tombs, chairman of Rolls-Royce, revealed yesterday that 96 per cent of the 40,000 workforce have become shareholders in the company and he gave employees an assurance that the privatized company in which they now hold shares had no intention of going into the fast food business and other "absurd" enterprises.

He said: "Our immediate need is to consolidate our success and to exploit the many market opportunities in our mainstream business." Mr James Rigg, finance director, said that diversification would only take place in fields where Rolls-Royce expertise in technology and project management would enable them to secure an attractive return.

Profits soar at stationer

Continous Stationery, the office supplies company, reported end of year pretax profits of £529,000 against £37,000 the previous year. Turnover for the year to April 3 was £7.7 million (£7.1 million). A final dividend of 1.5p makes 2p for the year against 0.9p.

Benzol rises to £8 million

British Benzol, the coke and smokeless fuel manufacturer, raised pretax profits from £5.8 million to just over £8 million last year. The results included a 15 month contribution from Power-screens, the manufacturer of quarry screening equipment, which it acquired last year.

STOCK MARKET

Shares go marching on as indexes jump to records

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Investors had the bit between their teeth again yesterday, cheered by the latest opinion polls showing the Conservatives maintaining their lead over the Labour Party.

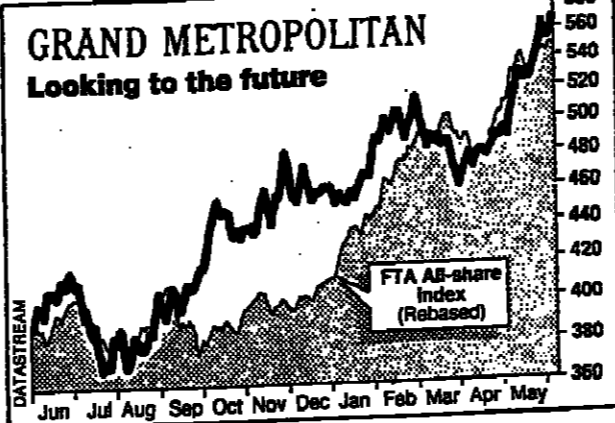
Equities surged to record levels as the big City fund managers went on another spending spree adding almost £6 billion to the value of quoted share prices. A massive £35.95 million has now been added to the equity market since Mrs Thatcher announced the date of the general election on May 11.

Prices closed below their best levels of the day, but the FT 30 share index enjoyed its biggest one-day rise in terms of points, climbing by 34.1 to a record 1,761.3. It has now risen by 102.6 points in the past month alone. The broader FT-SE 100 share index also advanced by 36.8 points, to a peak of 2,265.2.

The appearance of a few, early buyers following the strong overnight performance on Wall Street caught most market-makers on the hop and forced them to mark prices sharply higher as the day wore on. Most brokers are now confident that the Government will be returned to office for a third term with a sizeable majority.

The euphoria spread to Government securities where prices at the longer end of the market stretched to £1, helped by a credible performance by the pound on the foreign exchanges.

The privatization stocks attracted fresh overseas support with Nomura Securities the



big, Japanese investment house believed to be a big buyer. As a result, British Telecom rose by 7p to 335p on a turnover of 20 million shares and British Gas partly-paid firm by 8p to 192p, after 196p, as 49 million shares were traded. British Airways closed with a lead of 5p at 165p.

Mr Martin Evans, an analyst at County NatWest, recommends a Rentokil, the pest control and timber preservation group, as a strong "buy." Overshadowed by the investigation into the pest control industry, a re-rating is overdue, he says. Cash flow is strong and, with no debt, acquisitions are expected. Pretax profit margins are set to rise by 20 per cent this year and the strength of the underlying businesses will start to show through in 1988. The shares were unchanged at 205p yesterday, but should soon start to outperform the chemical sector.

Grand Metropolitan, the brewing and leisure group, jumped by 20p to 570p - just 3p shy of their year's high - after Mr Alan Sheppard, the group's newly-appointed chairman, addressed more than 90 institutions at a seminar arranged by Panmure Gordon, the company's broker.

The main thrust of his speech was to emphasize the potential profit recovery at £447 million, where the prospective p/e stands at about 15. Panmure is already forecasting £540 million for 1988. A total of 4 million shares, worth almost £23 million, changed hands. Also active in the drinks sector was Guinness, advancing by 17p to a peak of 380p, following a seminar for Scottish fund managers in Edinburgh arranged by Wood

Mackenzie, the broker. Dealers claim that the group, which is poised to buy Schenley Industries, the US drinks distribution company, is continuing to enjoy a re-rating under the new management, headed by Sir Norman Macfarlane, with the shares now 49p above the level at which they stood at when the Department of Trade and Industry inspectors moved in on December 1 last year. More than 12 million shares were traded.

Later today, Guinness with its joint brokers, James Capel and Cazenove, are believed to be meeting another group of fund managers in the City. Dealers are bracing themselves for a further flurry of activity in the shares. Hillsdown, the food and furniture group, traded at about their year's high of 299p, but the shares should soon hurdle through the £3 mark if Mr John Parker, an analyst at County NatWest, has anything to do with it.

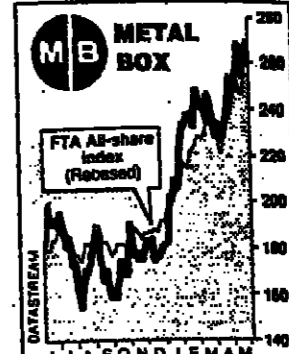
He rates the shares as a strong "buy" and says that they have been unfairly held back by technical influences. Allied-Lyons continued to draw strength from last week's whistle-stop tour by Concorde operations in Scotland, Canada and France by analysts. The shares rose by 15p to 439p.

Buckley's Brewery, the only remaining independent Welsh brewer, advanced by 4p to 146p, despite Mr Tony Cole's Bestwood selling its entire 27.5 per cent stake after failing to get a place on the board. The 4.18 million shares were bought by Brodiani, a private company, on behalf of a several private investors.

TEMPUS

Metal Box in fine shape for growth

Buy Metal Box, tuck the shares away, and watch them grow. The group is in good financial shape. Profits for the year ended March were a respectable 25 per cent up on £82.2 million. There is an air of enthusiasm within the group now the reorganization is over. The impact of lower overheads is coming through, and profits are set to challenge the £96 million mark this year.



If Metal Box was once famous for its heavy reorganization costs and factory closures, from here on it should be earning a reputation for controlled expansion and acquisition. Metal Box is now actually opening factories, and in recent months has made five acquisitions, on both sides of the Atlantic, the full benefits of which have yet to be felt.

Within the broad spread of the packaging division, there was a general improvement in margins and with stronger performances in Greece, Italy and Africa, trading profits of the overseas division rose from £3.7 million to £11.2 million. The central heating interests in Stelrad, where profits rose from £9.6 million to £13.1 million, is not seen as a once-off, and the engineering should make further progress, having made up for a difficult first half.

Net gearing down to only 9 per cent at balance sheet date is no longer quite so low because of the funding of various recent deals, but is still modest and thus gives lots of flexibility. Areas of potential growth and action this year include the food processing/packaging division, where new product lines will make a decided impact shortly, and security printing.

The shares, at 268p to offer a prospective p/e of 11.5, have recently been slow performers relative to the market. But given time, they will more than catch up, if not overtake.

Siebe

Despite raising £10.53 million for last year's failed attempt to take over APV, the engineers, Siebe's appetite for acquisitions remains as daunting as ever.

Though still digesting its recent purchases, it already has one eye on its next meal. Controls of one sort or another now account for the bulk of Siebe's business, and the company is ambitiously predicting a jump in total sales from £675 million to £1.1 billion this year. But can its profits keep up the pace?

When it bought Ranco, which makes temperature regulators, in February, gearing was 124 per cent. Now it is an even dizzier 129 per cent.

With 60 per cent or so of its debt denominated in dollars and with US interest rates tending higher, interest charges could swell. The likelihood of another rights issue to pay for yet another acquisition later this year could make shareholders fractious and analysts nervous.

Healthier Unigate

Whole milk is reviled by the "foodies," but low-fat milk volumes are growing at a phenomenal rate. Consequently, even Unigate Dairies is benefiting from the nation's obsession with its health. Low-fat milk sales comprised more than 24 per cent of doorstep sales by the end of the financial year compared with only 4 per cent in 1983.

Unigate identified early the trend towards healthy eating and its total commitment to exploiting this key household market is now paying handsome dividends. Its strategy to reduce its dependence on liquid milk has also proved to be highly successful.

One third of last year's profits came from Unigate Dairies, while another third came from UK Foods division. Completion of a £55 million investment in new chicken-rearing facilities will make Unigate the second-biggest force in the growing

white meat market by 1990 with about 20 per cent market share.

During the last few years, a combination of clear, strategic vision and strong financial controls has been transforming the group. Its return on capital has jumped by 5 points to 28.3 per cent, while an ambitious expansion programme is being funded internally, with no strain on the balance sheet.

However, profit growth is still seen as being a little slow in coming through. Excluding property profits, underlying growth last year was only 13 per cent, a touch disappointing. Pretax profits should exceed £15 million this year, to give growth in earnings per share of not much above 8 per cent. Nevertheless, today's price movement seems a short-sighted reaction which leaves the shares on an undeserved discount to the market of above 90 per cent.

Unigate pulls further ahead

(And profits pass the £100 million mark)

In recent years, Unigate has built up a record of high performance - and 1986/1987 was no exception.

Thanks largely to strong gains in an increasingly health-conscious market by products like St. Ivel's Gold, Shape and Real, and by our poultry products, we increased food sales and profits substantially.

Unigate Dairies (again, thanks in part to investment in healthier low-fat milks) also grew very satisfactorily.

Our Wincanton motor and transport businesses accelerated briskly.

And Giltspur's exhibition service activities showed strong progress, too.

Our International division's results were adversely affected by the fall in the US dollar, but we're happy to say that the current year's trading prospects are already looking distinctly brighter.

The overall result was, once again, record profits (up 26% to £104.7 million) and record earnings per share (up 24% to 30.6p).

Our return on trading capital improved from 23.5% to 28.3%, putting us even further in the forefront of UK industry. And even after capital expenditure of £93 million (£40 million of it for expansion) cash inflow from operations remained impressive.

For full details of the year's progress, please send the coupon for a copy of our newly-published Annual Report.

It will show you just how strongly the tide is running in Unigate's favour these days.



Staying ahead in food, transport and industrial services



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Form with fields for Name, Address, and Postcode.

WALL STREET

New York (Agencies) - Shares slipped in moderate, early trading yesterday. Traders reported that volume had tended to fall during declines and that there could be a rally later in the session. But investors appeared to be in a cautious mood, concerned about the dollar.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell by 7.28 points to 2,344.36. Declining shares outnumbered rising ones by six to five on a volume of 45 million shares.

Table of stock market data with columns for various companies and their share prices.

Table of Canadian stock market data with columns for various Canadian companies and their share prices.

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Atkins Bros' profit rise fails to please market

Shares in Atkins Brothers (Hosiery), the textile and electronic equipment group, sank by 32p to 278p yesterday following the news that it had managed only a slim rise in pretax profits from £1.11 million to £1.16 million in the year to March 31.

Turnover was up by less than £1 million to £19.96 million. Shareholders will receive a final dividend of 5.8p, making 8p for the year - an increase of 1p.

But the company says business so far this year is going well, with orders in both the textile and electronic divisions at record levels. Additional investment in more modern plant should also bring benefits this year. The results included a £157,000 extraordinary credit from the sale last November of the loss-making knitwear division.

Turnover 10,649 (2,714), pretax profit 1,236 (187). Earnings per share 12.5p (1.8p).

● HODGSON HOLDINGS: Terms have been agreed for the purchase of John G Ashton (Funeral Directors), Ashton Chem, Greater Manchester, for £105,500 in cash. Ashton conducted about 300 funerals a year.

● EMESS LIGHTING: The company has conditionally agreed to dispose of the business and assets of Fraser & Glass, a division of Tenby Industries, to Sterling Engineering Products, an offshoot of Trinova Corp, for £17 million in cash, subject to adjustment. This agreement is conditional on the approval of Emess's shareholders. F&G produces close-tolerance injection-moulded plastic components, principally for the automotive industry.

● SANDERS AND SIDNEY: Final dividend 0.5p, as forecast, pay on July 10, for the year to March 31. With figures in £000 (comparisons restated): Turnover 1,568 (895), pretax profit 381 (213). Earnings per share - weighted average - 9.0p (3.3p). The current year has begun most encouragingly, the board reports.

APPOINTMENTS

Vaux Group: Mr Frank Nicholson and Mr Anthony Wood become directors. Lazard Brothers & Co: Mr Nicholas Jones joins as managing director. Hampton Trust: Mr Terence Robey joins as chairman.



Anthony Bottomley

The House of Hearn: Mr Anthony J Bottomley joins as managing director.

Peak Holdings: Mr Ian McCree becomes an executive director.

Wilkin & Sons: Mr Peter Wilkin becomes chairman.

Town & Country Building Society: Mr Reginald Woolgar becomes chairman.

Beachcroft: Mr Lawrence Markham joins as a partner.

ALPHA STOCKS

Table listing various companies and their stock prices under the heading ALPHA STOCKS.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table showing foreign exchange rates for Sterling Spot and Forward Rates.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Table listing other sterling rates for various countries and currencies.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Table listing dollar spot rates for various countries.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table showing money market rates and gold prices.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Table showing Euro money deposit rates.

ECGD

Table showing ECGD rates.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Large table listing London traded options for various companies.

RECENT ISSUES

Table listing recent issues of various companies.

BASE LENDING RATES

Table showing base lending rates for various banks.

RIGHTS ISSUES

Table listing rights issues for various companies.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

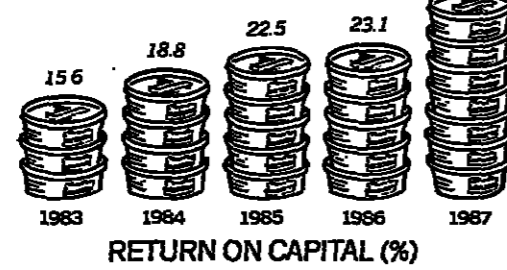
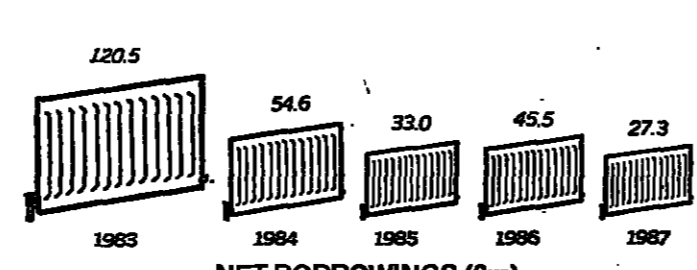
Table listing London financial futures.

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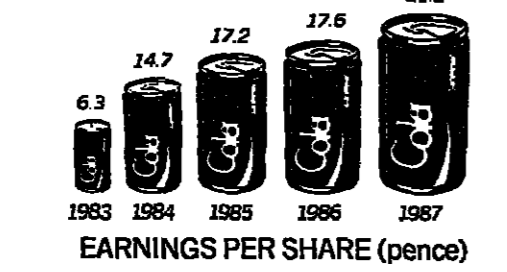
Table listing bullion prices.

METAL BOX SHAPING THE FUTURE

- At Metal Box we have accelerated the development of our business and we're shaping the future. Profit before tax up 25%, Earnings per share up 20%, Dividend for the year up 21%.



During the year we continued our drive into new packaging technologies with a £15 million expansion in facilities to produce the Lamipac high barrier plastic food container and the Lamicon multi-layered squeezable sauce bottle in the UK.



The joint venture with Alcoa, Genesis Packaging Systems, is making good progress in the USA.



We recently acquired five companies which add to existing operations in plastics packaging in the UK, and in security printing and advanced conveyor systems in the USA.

The acquisition of Rudco Industries and Favorite Check Printers will double the size of Clarke Checks Inc., which now ranks among the largest security printers in the USA.

Stelrad's UK and European central heating businesses achieved outstanding results from their modern facilities.

Commitment to investment in research and development remains high with expenditure across the Group of £20 million for the year.

Table showing Year in brief with financial metrics for 1987 and 1986.

Abridged figures from the 1987 Annual Report.

To further strengthen our operations we shall continue to acquire businesses which bring us new markets or technical skills or to which we can bring our expertise.

Form for requesting a copy of the Metal Box Annual Report, including name, address, and telephone number.

Advertisement for Davies & Newman Holdings PLC, featuring a summary of results for 1986 and 1985, and a logo for DAN-AIR.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Main table containing Unit Trust Information Service data, organized into columns for various trust categories like Equity, Bond, and Money Market. Includes columns for 'Bid', 'Offer', 'Chg', and 'Yld'.

UNLISTED SECURITIES table listing various unlisted securities with columns for 'High', 'Low', 'Company', 'Bid', 'Offer', 'Chg', 'Yld', and 'P/E'.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS table listing various investment trusts with columns for 'High', 'Low', 'Company', 'Bid', 'Offer', 'Chg', 'Yld', and 'P/E'. Includes sub-sections for COMMODITIES and THIRD MARKET.

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Your health: the crucial vote



Five million in Britain now use private health schemes. What will the future be after tomorrow's election? A report by David Loshak

Though the National Health Service has been a major election topic, the issue of private medicine surfaced late in the election campaign, and with surprising force seeing that the party manifestos hardly mention it at all.

But the future of the independent health care sector, to which more than five million people now look when they need hospital or specialist treatment, could hinge crucially on the outcome of tomorrow's voting.

In the unlikely event of an SDP-Liberal victory, there would be no significant change. "We uphold the right of individuals to use their own resources to obtain private medical care", the Alliance manifesto states. It fore-shadows some possible minor reforms to iron out anomalies in the system, but otherwise has nothing to say on the subject.

But if Neil Kinnock is in No 10 this weekend, change there will certainly be, even if the private health care sector has not felt the need to brace itself against this possibility.

It does not see Labour as quite the ogre that the party's spokesmen have sometimes made it appear when fulminating against "medicine for profit" or "queue-jumping". Private health organizations discount such talk as rhetoric for the benefit of the left-wing gallery.

Significantly, in the board-rooms of the hospital chains and the health insurance organizations, the fiery Barbara Castle, who a decade ago did her best to squelch the private sector, is today toasted as "the patron saint of private medicine".

For they recall how totally counter-productive, according to her lights, her endeavours were. They had the unintended effect of doing more

to stimulate the growth of independent hospitals and the surge of new subscribers to private health insurance than anything that has been done in the Thatcher years.

Chief executives in the private health sector today are confident that any steps a future Labour government might take against them will prove equally helpful in the longer run.

Labour's manifesto, for instance, threatens to phase out the 3,200 paybeds in NHS hospitals. That is understandable. For apart from their symbolic significance to egalitarians of the left, the paybeds are seriously under-priced, and so in effect subsidize private care.

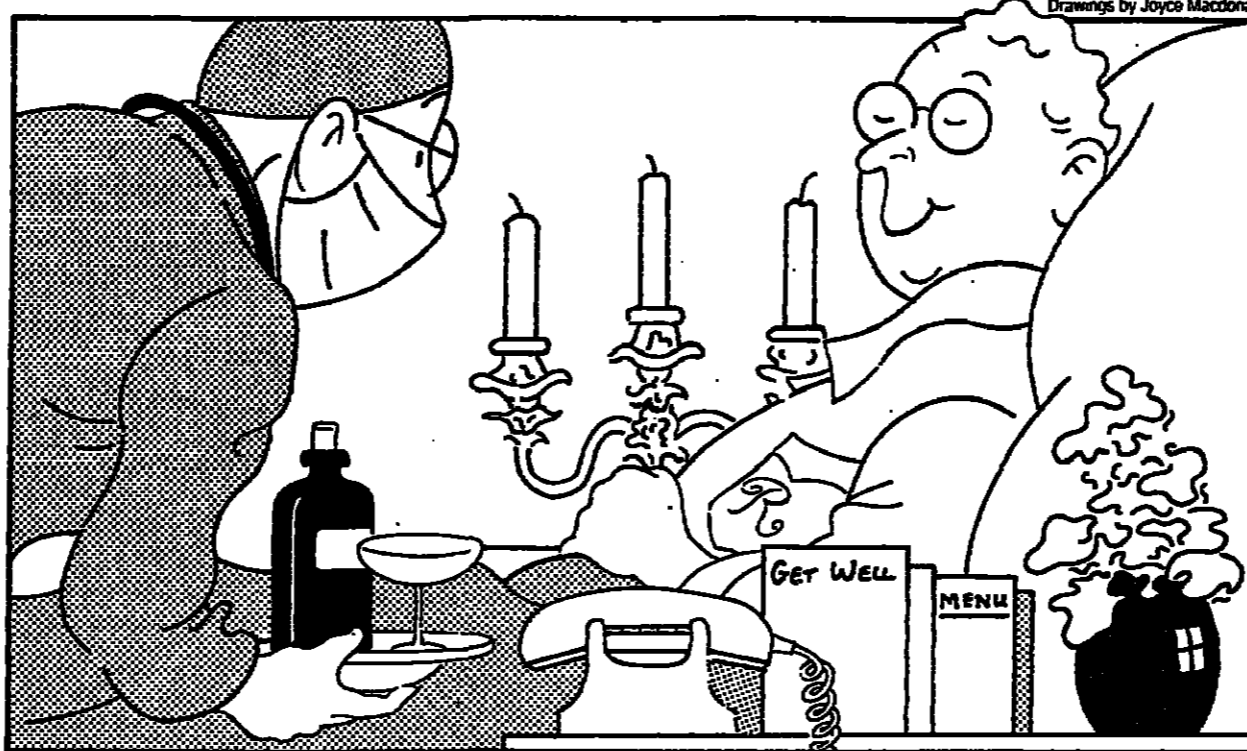
But they account for \$0,000 operations a year—a fifth of all those carried out for private payment.

This means that the NHS itself, paradoxically, is by far the largest provider of private medical care—a handy potential source of income if the beds were properly priced; even now they're worth £70 million a year.

Their abolition would simply send that money in the direction of the commercial operators. It would help fill empty private beds and it would end distortions in the price structure of the market which have worked to the disadvantage of the commercial operators.

Labour might also seek to discourage or prevent consultants in the NHS from undertaking part-time private work. But Labour has taken on the vested interests of the medical profession before now, and retired hurt. In any case, such a measure would, again, probably prove less of a barb than a goad in the longer run.

Other threatening noises have not been taken seriously. For example, Frank Dobson, the shadow health minister for the past four years, has said he



Drawings by Joyce Macdonald

wants American Medical International, the largest of the private hospital chains, chased out of the country.

Some of the left want to see private medicine abolished—although it is significant that Mr Dobson's senior, Michael Meacher, has gone out of his way to praise the contribution of the private sector.

And that is the point. That contribution is too significant, too considerable and too popular for thorough-going legislation against it to be an option. Curbing the private sector drastically would create further immense problems for an already creaking, wobbly NHS.

For their part, the Tories have said nothing in their manifesto on private health. Their eight years of office, likewise, have seen almost nothing done about private medicine except to leave it to its own devices.

But a third term of office could see changes. Health authorities would certainly be further encouraged, and perhaps enabled to enter into more contractual arrangements with the private sector for the provision and sharing of services, staff and equipment. There is also the sugges-

tion, favoured by many Conservatives and put forward by the influential Centre for Policy Studies, that all registered self-employed should be allowed to set health insurance premiums against tax, as companies are already.

Another measure that future Tory treasury and health ministers would be under



'The battle to survive is over'

pressure from their back-benchers to introduce work on the same principle as personal equity plans, whereby return on the initial investment is added tax free to the individual's fund and earmarked for the payment of health insurance payments.

That is for the future, though perhaps the not so distant future. The most signal feature, however, of private health care at this moment of national stocktaking, is that "the battle to survive is over", to quote the assessment of an

executive at BUPA, the largest of the provident insurance organizations.

What is important now, he added, is that the two sectors should work more closely together.

On present showing, private medicine is set to make a far bigger contribution to the nation's health than ever before. It is doing so by placing increasing emphasis on health at the workplace and on the importance of screening and preventive care.

Occupational health schemes are already well developed. Companies have come to realize that they can save huge losses in profitability and competitiveness by taking simple, inexpensive steps to minimize health-related absenteeism.

One party to this is the Confederation of British Industry, which has initiated its own campaign against alcohol and other abuse, one of the costliest forms of ill-health at the workplace.

Many companies and union branches have negotiated occupational health schemes as part of the remuneration package, despite TUC hostility towards such arrange-

ments. Thousands of others have signed on for regular health checks.

Debate during the election campaign has polarized between Labour claiming that the Thatcher years have seen little but cuts in the NHS, while Mrs Thatcher herself has repeatedly claimed that with a budget of £21 billion, the NHS has never had more devoted to it.

In their ways, both sides are right. The paradox arises because, for reasons of both demography (the growing proportion of old people in the population) and medical technology (ever more sophisticated, complex and costly, life-saving and life-enhancing procedures becoming possible all the time), the NHS is bound to suffer cuts even as it receives more funds.

The NHS has great achievements to its credit, but it can never meet all the demands placed upon it, never fulfil all expectations.

That can only mean that the private sector, enterprising, vigorous, flexible and innovative in a way that state-run systems, the NHS among them, seem unable to be, will have an increasingly vital part to play.

In front for the newest cures

For some years, private medicine has led the way in new approaches and new treatments. In-vitro fertilization is offered largely in the private sector, which pioneered its development.

Hospitals such as the Cromwell in Kensington, west London, offer a wide range from kidney and bone marrow transplants to heart surgery and treatment for auditory and speech disorders, in addition to IVF and infertility treatment, and both here and at the Wellington Hospital near Lord's cricket ground, specialists are working on the infertility treatment known as GIFT, for Gamete Intrafallopian Transfer.

The St Martin's Group, the first in Britain to undertake lithotripsy for kidney stones, is turning its flagship, the London Bridge Hospital, into a major centre for renal care, installing the latest generation of shockwave lithotripter (not requiring anaesthesia) and has the potential for treating gallstones and kidney stones.

As its medical director, Dr Barry Scholes, puts it: "We are right next to Guy's and have a tremendous reservoir of consultant expertise on hand. We would like the City to see this as the place to come for diagnostic tests of any kind."

The St Martin's Group is among those using lasers in fields as varied as gastroenterology and eye surgery, colposcopy, which makes it possible to treat women with pre-invasive cervical cancer, and other gynaecological problems, providing a far more accurate diagnosis than cervical smears and so precise in treatment that it enhances the prospect of complete cure.

American Medical International, the largest independent sector group, has made much of the running in setting up specialist units. In addition to laser treatments for skin and eye conditions, and its IVF units (especially at the Park Hospital, Nottingham, where Dr Simon Fishel and his team have achieved international status), it covers sports injuries, family planning, whole body scanning,

neonatal intensive care and neurosurgery.

AMI has also taken a lead in offering ultrasound screening for the early detection of ovarian cancer, which kills twice as many women a year (4,000) as cervical cancer, but has until now been impossible to detect until too late.

Nestor Medical Services has a rehabilitation unit at Unsted Park, near Guildford, Surrey, for back pain, arthritic disorders, neurological disabilities, paraplegia, strokes and head injuries.

Another private sector facility is the Medical Express "fast aid" emergency clinic near Oxford Circus, set up as a no-wait service for minor injuries and ailments, but now also providing dental treatment, osteopathy, chiropody and screening.

The Medical Advisory Service, a registered charity launched in February, provides a general information

Many calls about cosmetic surgery

service on all aspects of medical and health care and how to ensure that it is safe and reputable. Many of its calls have been to do with cosmetic surgery and how to obtain reputable care.

Allergy clinics are another potential source of trouble. Several have been found by the consumer magazine *Which?* to be "unreliable, dubious and risky".

Only the private sector, which can ensure a good return on its heavy capital outlay, can raise the funds for expensive equipment, leading to criticism that the independent sector goes only for the rich pickings, neglecting such "Cinderella areas" as mental handicap and geriatric care.

This is not entirely fair. There are, for example, hundreds of nursing homes all over Britain.

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"We're pretty busy here," said Keith Erskine, the administrator at the Princess Grace Hospital in the heart of the Harley Street area, London, "but I happened to mention to one of the surgeons in the theatre that Easter and Christmas were our quiet times."

An Easter offering

their ear, nose and throat operations - two theatres going full blast, with Bart's surgeons and anaesthetists and Princess Grace theatre staff and nurses).

Douglas, "Are you and the autoclave keeping up with team from Bart's?" and she replied, "We're ahead of them." "It was, he says, a nice thing they wanted to do and all the staff were enthusiastic."

The union rush to 'go private'

Private health has come of age as a big business, with patients from all classes of society paying more than £550m a year in premiums



insurance policies as in motor- ing policies for the under-25s. This would seem fair, for in general health the insurers have hitherto been remarkably easy going in their attitudes to claims.

But when excess premiums become required for those who smoke, or no-claims discounts are introduced, the sort of client that private medicine attracts will inevitably change again.

The industry has not so far distinguished itself by showing much imagination in devising different forms of cover to suit different needs of potential clients, though PFP has just announced an international SCS assistance plan, available at no extra cost.

The industry could do better, and needs to do so, by offering packages tailor-made for younger, and therefore healthier, people, as the newcomer to the market, Health First, has begun to do.

But there is a need, too, for insurance that helps people of pensionable age, because at the time in their lives when they most need treatment, elderly subscribers usually find themselves excluded, either by cost or because of age.

Many people, also, want cover for such alternative but respectable therapies as homeopathy, acupuncture, hypnotherapy and osteopathy. Because of such factors, these people have weighed up the cost of their premiums and decided that over a period they cost more paying out of their own pockets for treatment from time to time.

Such perceived gaps in provision, and as yet unrealized market opportunities such as the need for convenient, comprehensive packages which provide health insurance with home cover, should tend to bring such intermediate brokers as Remedi and Medisure.

For years, private health insurance was a privileged, or at any rate a snob, preserve, it is certainly no longer that. For years, too, the insurers had an easy, uncompetitive time. That, too, has gone.

What counts now, and will count increasingly and decisively in the years to come, will be more skilful marketing than we have so far seen and, above all, value for money.

That more than five million people in Britain today, many of them trade unionists or Labour voters - some of them, indeed, Labour peers and MPs - have opted to take out private health insurance, would have astounded, and probably appalled, such visionary founders of the modern welfare state as William Beveridge and Aneurin Bevan.

But the private sector is vigorous today because it has mass popular support. It is so well established and, in some ways, such an extremely useful adjunct to the National Health Service, that in practice, whatever may be said for electioneering purposes, no future Labour government would find it politically possible to dismantle or even significantly diminish it.

In a decade the private sector has more than doubled in size. Until a few years ago, it was the preserve of top executives and the well-to-do. Now, teachers, plumbers, miners and shopkeepers are among the subscribers.

The reason is simple: they feel it is in their best interests to do so. Small businessmen, or the thousands who have become self-employed in recent years, for instance, often cannot afford NHS delays if they need hospital treatment.

Annual premiums costing, typically, £250-£300, are within their reach and health insurance for these groups is the fastest growing sector of the market.

Many in steady employment take a pragmatic view; hundreds of firemen, for example, have taken out private health cover even though their union officially considers that private medicine is "morally wrong".

bers of National Association of Local Government Officers, and 500 shopfloor workers at Ford of Dagenham, among those who have opted "to go private".

Thus, millions of people across the socio-economic spectrum regard private health insurance as no less sensible and prudent than comprehensive cover on the car, mortgage protection or covering household contents against fire or other mishaps.

It is hardly surprising, therefore, given the unhappy shortcomings of the NHS, that more than 9 per cent of the population is now insured.

This represents some £550 million in premiums; private health has come of age as a big business.

The Central Statistical Office's General Household Surveys records that a quarter of those ranked as "professional" have policies. A third of those aged 45-65 are covered and one million of those with health insurance are employees and managers.

Thus, even though blue-collar and manual workers now figure among those insured privately, the A and AB socio-economic groups are still the chief purchasers of medical cover.

Nevertheless, there are 500,000 or so skilled and semi-skilled men and women who have opted for schemes offered by BUPA, Private Patients Plan, Western Provident, Health First or one of the smaller insurance organizations. Many - firemen and police, for instance - are in particularly high-risk or high-stress occupations.

It is understandable that they should perceive that private health insurance is good value. The private sector carries out twice as many heart operations as its size, relative to the NHS, would suggest.

While patients may die before they reach the head of the NHS queue for hip replacements, these are readily

available privately, and a quarter of all such operations are performed in independent hospitals.

Of all elective surgery, private medicine accounts for no less than 15 per cent.

It is such factors that explain why the health insurance market is growing at 3-5 per cent a year, denoting a net annual increase of some 200,000.

The operative word, however, is "net". What the bald statistic masks is that for all the new subscribers who come into the private sector there

are old ones who drop out, not only because they die.

In the past three years, in particular, premium rises of around 10 per cent every six months have led many people to cancel their policies.

For most subscribers, the increases, if unwelcome, have been tolerable; they have also, incidentally, tended to compound the problem by encouraging them to claim their

full entitlements. But for some subscribers, particularly those who have become redundant and thereby lost the advantage of heavily discounted company schemes, premiums have doubled, trebled or even quadrupled in only two years.

The insurance providers are well aware of the problem. They have taken steps to keep the most recent premium rises down to not much more than the general rate of inflation.

But two further countervailing factors, neither particularly welcome, have arisen.

First, by expanding the market, the insurers have steadily taken on higher risk groups. The Black Report and other studies have shown that the lower down the socio-economic scale you go the less healthy people are likely to be.

The 43,000 EETPU members, for example, checked after joining a BUPA scheme, were found to be significantly more prone to heart disease and other stress-related conditions than their employers and managers.

That brings in the second factor. To offset increases in the payments that going down-market leads them to make, the insurers have begun to introduce new limits on the extent of cover they provide.

It would seem only a matter of time, and probably not much time, before there are as many exclusion clauses and caveats embodied in health

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A joint way to reduce the queues for beds

A bugbear of every health care system, whether it is state-funded or based on private provision, is the difficulty of holding down costs. But although the NHS and the independent sector could both help themselves in that respect by collaboration in joint projects, there has been much more talk of this so far than real action.

Surveys carried out by the Royal Institute of Public Administration and the Nuffield Centre for Health Service Studies show that the most common form of interchange, is the use of clinical facilities, such as pathology, radiology and pharmacy, with private hospitals buying services from the NHS rather than vice versa, writes David Loshak.

Nevertheless, at least a quarter of the 202 district health authorities in England and Wales have contracted out long-term care to the private sector. The reason for this has often been "creative accounting", enabling health authorities to transfer a cost from an overstretched health budget to some other account.

Nevertheless, the public sector now spends £5 million a year sending seriously disturbed young people to private psychiatric units, such as AMU's two units at Knesworth, near Cambridge, and Langton House, Dorset, and the charity-based St Andrew's Hospital, Northampton. The facilities they provide are lacking in the NHS.

There have been fewer instances of acute care being contracted out to the private sector by the NHS, and nearly always the arrangement has been regarded by both sides as

short-term. Even so, some 10,000 operations are contracted out each year to the private sector, with 60 private hospitals involved. But for the 400,000 operations a year in the private sector, the NHS waiting list of 650,000 would rise alarmingly.

Such arrangements, notes William Laing, in an Office of Health Economics report on Private Health Care, are "second order issues, an avenue of last resort when efforts at achieving an in-house solution fail". But the interchanges have usually worked well, he observes.

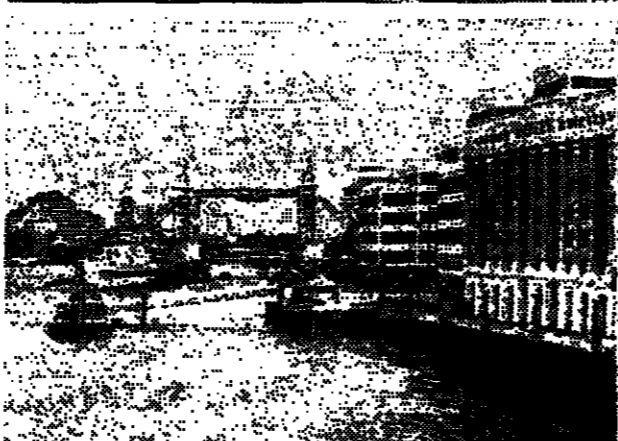
It is beginning to look as if health authorities are now getting this message. There have been some major developments recently which foreshadow much greater collaboration between the two sectors in future.

A joint venture between St Bartholomew's Hospital and American Medical International's Portland Hospital for women and children will set up two test-tube baby units, providing 550 treatments a year, and saving the existing unit at Barts which has been threatened with closure.

Doctors and support staff will, for the first time, rotate between the public and private sectors.

This could set a pattern for the future in several areas of specialist treatment where the NHS lacks resources. A potentially even more significant development has occurred at Guy's, which has decided to contract out the management of its 47 NHS pay beds to the Hospital Capital Corporation.

The company will spend £4 million to upgrade the private wing and run it like a modern private hospital. Guy's stands to make at least £200,000 a year out of its share of the profits.



Capital projects: four of London's major new hospitals that have sprung up over the past decade with the growth of private health care to around five million subscribers in Britain - top, The Princess Grace; below left, the London Bridge and the Cromwell; below right, the Lister

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In its last weeks, the outgoing government has welcomed this initiative and if the Conservatives return to power, similar ventures will be officially encouraged. There is clearly untapped commercial potential in NHS hospitals which private capital could do much to develop.

A recent paper on the NHS by the Centre for Policy Studies, which has had considerable influence on subsequent Conservative policies, suggests, for example, that district health authorities could raise private capital to build hospitals which could then be rented out.

Or there could be joint ventures between health authorities and private capital whereby expensive items of equipment could be financed and run by a private sector management company.

As it is, the independent hospitals are notable for having a lot of high technology equipment. This is an opportunity for NHS districts, which often lack the funds for such machinery but have a patient demand for it, to buy in the private sector facilities on a contractual basis.

During the election campaign, a major issue has been the length of NHS waiting

lists, and here, too, there is scope for co-operation between the two sectors.

BUPA Hospitals has suggested to local health authorities that it could help them reduce the queue of those waiting for acute operations. BUPA's 11 hospitals, and almost all other private hospitals, are under-occupied at week-ends and holiday periods, so could well be used at such times by NHS patients.

The private sector has its eyes on the extra funds that have been earmarked by the Health Department for reducing waiting lists and see this as a development which could

lead to closer collaboration all round. In the longer run, this means a market environment in which the two sectors would constructively compete on equal terms, as well as co-operate, to provide the optimum service suited to each locality.

A major hurdle still to be overcome is the resistance to such change on the part of health authority members. But the new breed of NHS managers is alive to the opportunities, and in the longer run, given the encouragement and impetus from above, will move to exploit them.



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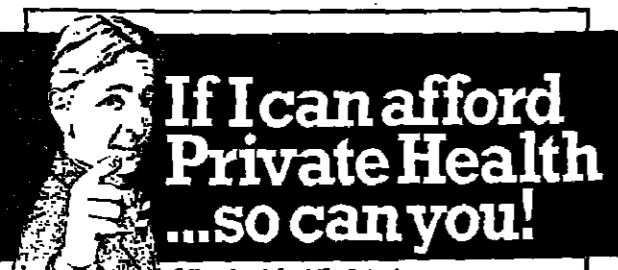
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While most benefits that patients gain from private health care have been fully and frequently detailed over the past decade, there has been little public discussion about its advantages for doctors, nurses and other hospital staff. These are significant.

In an era when everyone seems to have become more money-conscious, it might be thought that the chief advantage for those who work in the private sector is better pay. But, surprisingly perhaps, that is not the case - at least, according to the doctors and nurses themselves.

Consultants, it is true, can dramatically increase their earnings by undertaking private practice, but not only can the early years be lean (for it can take time to acquire the reputation which can bring in the patients and attract high fees), but for most consultants the motivation to go private is not primarily financial.

Nurses stand to gain very little in cash terms by transferring out of the NHS, and those on the management side, too, neither go into private health care because of the money nor find themselves substantially better off than their NHS counterparts.

"The chief difference for me in moving out of the NHS into the private sector is that the atmosphere is so much more positive and upbeat," says Sally Taber, director of nursing for the St Martin's group of hospitals, which places particular emphasis on renal care, an area in which the NHS has consistently underperformed.

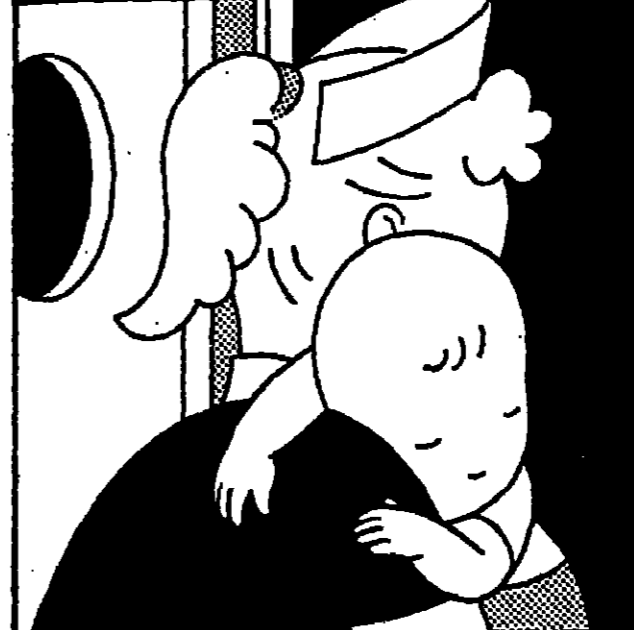
Miss Taber worked for some years at one of the best NHS hospitals in Britain, so did not come to the private sector out of disenchantment. It was the attraction, she says,

Environment encourages the staff to be enterprising

"We are encouraged to say Yes. We are encouraged to achieve higher standards through training and courses. I certainly thought I would miss the research side, in which I was heavily involved in the NHS, but there too I have received every opportunity."

Miss Taber notes other advantages: "We do not waste nearly as much time and money as in the NHS. And when an important management decision is needed - the green light for a new piece of equipment, for example - we can get an answer quickly, instead of having to go through committee after committee over a period of months. You can make things happen fast."

Julie Hartley-Cooper, transplant co-ordinator at the London Bridge Hospital, also transferred recently from the NHS, but for hardly any extra money, she says. "The job I do



hardly exists in the NHS. I specialize in renal work and this post presented opportunities I could see no chance of having otherwise."

"It is for rewards quite other than money that consultants accept patients privately," comments Dr Eric Blackadder, group medical adviser to BUPA, in Private Health Report, 1987 (Sterling Publications).

"These are the rewards of a greater job satisfaction, of being seen and acknowledged to have attained the highest possible standards of professional excellence and, above all, of being able to provide patients with the best available quality of medical care."

Many private consultants would agree with Dr Blackadder that the sheer volume of patients in the NHS tends to make each one seem like "just another case". But when the doctor sees "John Brown" in his private consulting rooms, he is seeing an individual, not just "the duodenal ulcer".

The consultant thus derives the satisfaction of being able to treat the whole person rather than a bundle of symptoms. Moreover, he is in continuous clinical charge from first to last, with no delegating to junior staff.

As most NHS consultants now earn well over £30,000 a year - and 2,500 earn at least £45,000 - they hardly need private fees to live comfortably. Those who reach the top of the Harley Street scale, and often opt out of the NHS altogether instead of working part-time for each sector, can be counted as wealthy, with annual earnings well into six figures. But these, of course, are an untypical minority.

For managers, the challenges are different. While both doctors and nurses attest to the way the private sector is professionally stimulating as compared with the NHS, managers arguably have an easier time than their much harassed state sector colleagues. Private sector management simply does not have to handle the manifold demands placed on the NHS either in degree or kind.

But that does not mean it is a cushy job. The independent hospitals have long taken justifiable pride in the quality of care. They are proud, too, of their efficiency and are, above all, unceasingly concerned with the need to control costs in fields where this is notoriously and increasingly difficult.

Drugs: still fears of side-effects in spite of the successes

If other businesses had done as well as Britain's pharmaceutical industry "there would be little concern about the UK economy and its international competitiveness", said the Pharmaceuticals Economic Development Committee of the National Economic Development Office, in a recent report.

This saw the industry as a notable example of a high technology research-intensive sector which has been successful despite increasing government interference, writes David Loshak.

Yet the industry is not much loved even by Conservative governments, certainly not by Labour politicians, and not by the public, even though its products - among them some of the most brilliant developments of modern science - have saved thousands of lives, reduced suffering from illness and disease on a huge scale, and helped improve health indices of almost every kind, not only in Britain and other affluent nations, but throughout the developing world.

Hugh Elwell, an adviser to several of the major private health care groups says: "Many people, even some of those, oddly, who provide private health care, consider that making a profit from ill-health is positively obscene."

The pharmaceutical industry, of course, makes handsome profits. Moreover, these come from what are loosely called "drugs", an

The blacklist of products

unfortunate word for what are medicines, vaccines and anaesthetics. Since the thalidomide disaster, a wide public has distrusted the industry. Although non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, for example, have proved a boon for millions of arthritis sufferers, a tiny proportion of these have died or been harmed after taking the medicines and the cases have been highlighted. Stubborn resistance, on legal

advice, to claims for compensation from victims or their families has tarnished the industry's image.

The public is understandably alarmed when patients, relatively tiny in numbers though they are, die or suffer as a result of taking medicines. It is, however, an inescapable fact, no less in pharmacology than energy production, air travel or even sport, that benefits are seldom without risk. Do the benefits outweigh the risks?

Governments have to function in this climate of hostile opinion. Ministers of both major parties have consistently focussed on the pharmaceutical industry when looking for economies.

It was this which engendered the blacklist of products that doctors are forbidden to prescribe. The Thatcher government's pledge not to extend the list applied only to the lifetime of the last Parliament and the chances are that it will be added to before long. But only a tenth of the NHS

budget goes on medicines. As many of these are preventive, their use is often an economy - they are much cheaper than surgery or hospital treatment.

Britain spends a third less per head on medicines than Italy, a half as much as France and the United States and two thirds less than Switzerland and West Germany.

Nor is it being fleeced, as many

The scapegoat for high costs

industry critics contend. Company prices and return on capital are controlled by the Health Department through the Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme. Having unilaterally reduced the industry's target return on capital to the point where some companies were forced to close research facilities and shed staff, ministers have recently acknowledged that they went too far. The industry's scientific and economic track record

suggests that it has not deserved to be the scapegoat for high costs. Among the industry's critics is a network of pressure groups such as Health Action International and Social Audit who, along with Campaign for War on Want, see things differently: among the industry's other enemies are the supporters of animal rights.

Yet, without vaccines, smallpox could not have been eradicated. Without anti-coagulants, heart transplants would be impossible. Stomach ulcers, high blood pressure, mental illness, infertility, allergies and a host of other conditions can be cured or alleviated with modern medicines.

Moreover, research now being undertaken by the pharmaceutical industry holds out promise of being able to prevent or relieve many kinds of cancer, senile dementia, diabetes, multiple sclerosis and such tropical scourges as leprosy. And the world is looking to the industry for an answer to Aids.

Advertisement for British Telecom Occupational Health Service. Features the headline 'WITH ONE PERSON DYING OF A HEART ATTACK EVERY 3 MINUTES, WE SUGGEST YOU READ THIS VERY QUICKLY.' and includes an illustration of an hourglass.

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PRIVATE HEALTH/5

Luxury loses out to better caring



Private sector medicine accounts for a sixth of all major hospital treatment in England and Wales. In its 149 hospitals—twice as many as a decade ago—the sector treats more than 400,000 patients.

When the 119-bed London Bridge Hospital, which is becoming, among other things, a leading centre for renal care, opened two years ago, it was deplored by The Lancet as "obscenely opulent."

In fact, only a handful of the independent hospitals, such as the Humana Group's 225-bed Wellington, a favourite of wealthy Arabs, or the extensively and expensively equipped Cromwell, is in the luxury class.

Dr Barry Scholes, chief executive and medical director of the St Martin's Group, says that at the London Bridge something like 20 per cent of the beds are in shared accommodation, while at the group's other main hospital, the Lister, the target is 33 per cent.

"The truly luxurious hospitals belong to the 1970s," he observes. "Their considerable capital cost in the end gets passed on to the patient."

"To stay in business, we

have to adopt a different approach. So, far from offering luxury, we do not offer even total privacy. What we provide is good technology, safe procedures, the opportunity to pick your consultant and your time and the best possible balance between cost and benefit."

Dr Scholes says that at both the London Bridge and the Lister, bed-occupancy rates have been high almost from the start. This suggests that supply and demand are well-matched, despite concern that the unrestricted growth of the private sector in London and the South-East has caused over-provision of beds and facilities.

As new beds have opened, other units in the sector have closed. Though there may be spare room at the very top of the market, the trend otherwise, both in London and the provinces, has been towards well-equipped hospitals which are purpose-built and make good economic sense.

Those which were older, smaller and not purpose-built have gone to the wall.

It is the religious and charitable hospitals which have felt the draught most keenly. Some, like the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth, near Lord's Cricket Ground in London, have been able to raise the millions needed for modernization, but most cannot keep pace in an era when colour TV is considered mandatory and when equipment



The Harley Street Clinic part of the American Medical Insurance Group, Britain's leader in private health care

such as CAT scanners cost the best part of £1 million each.

The same processes have, unfortunately, tended to overwhelm smaller, privately owned hospital developments, such as the New Hall at Salisbury, Wiltshire, in which doctors have had a stake. Just as supermarkets have

AMI, and such other American groups as the Hospital Corporation of America, with 10 hospitals, have married the best of British medical and nursing skills with American entrepreneurial flair to bring considerable vigour to the private health-care scene.

Both AMI and the largest British group, Nuffield Hospitals, which has undertaken a £30 million upgrading programme, have moved into a field of increasing importance, day-care surgery. New medical techniques make this form of operation feasible for a wide range of conditions and cheaper than in-patient accommodation.

Cost is the key to the whole operation of private health care in an era when modernization and the high price of capital equipment, rising staff salaries and the increasing need for specialist nurse training, play so large a part in determining the fees or premiums that patients pay.

Even day-care surgery, while cutting costs largely on accommodation, adds to them in other respects. It requires more intensive nursing care, for instance.

Nuffield, AMI and others have also introduced fixed-cost surgery schemes in co-operation with the big insurers. This offers a wide range of surgical procedures, including consultants' fees, and state the exact total cost of an operation before a patient enters hospital.

Both patients and insurers are guaranteed that they will have nothing extra to pay if unforeseen complications arise directly from the original operation.

"The system works very well," says John Cassell, AMI's marketing director. "This year, we have refined it so that the complexities of individual procedures are more precisely related to the charges."

Oliver Rowell, the general manager of Nuffield Hospitals, foresees that fixed-price surgery schemes will lead to preferred provider arrangements whereby corporate buyers in effect receive volume-based discounts to a given hospital or hospital group.

Nuffield is concerned about doctors' fees, too. "Controlling costs may need to include the vigorous direction of patients to cheaper doctors," Mr Rowell warns.

"We want to provide industry with an acceptable quality of health care at an acceptable price. If we fail, corporate interests in private health care will decline and that will lead to a reduced, less-effective private sector."

But the medical area with the greatest potential in this regard is only just beginning to be tapped. The near future will see developments in preventive medicine. It is here that private sector will, again, set new standards of quality for British health care.

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No one goes for a health screening for pleasure—unless he or she is a masochist, which probably won't be detected. But eventually a Bupa screen caught up with me, writes Philippa Toomey. No food or drink for 12 hours and three hours of a survey as for a building society, you are not going to see it.

There are checks, including X-rays and electro-cardiograms (ECGs), for the whole body, for height, weight, blood, urine, hearing, sight (I forgot my glasses, so I was no great help) two lots of blood pressure, one at the beginning one at the end, lungs (I have asthma—St Bartholomew's Chest and Allergy Clinic allow me the best of three, but one for Bupa possibly showed I was not breathing at all.) Gynaecological checks are

Screen that puts you in the picture

Within a week I had seen a consultant (a needle biopsy is a good test of the theory that if you don't look, it doesn't hurt) had the X-rays analysed and discovered that all I needed now was another X-ray in four months' time.

Claire Rayner, the "Agony Aunt" said that, though she trained in medicine, the four days between hearing bad news and getting to her doctor were some of the worst she could remember.

She was helping to launch Life Wise, a screening service for women by Health First, in Woman's Own magazine, to reach a large number of women. For breast and cervical cancer only, it covers the

full cost of investigation, private treatment and post-operative follow up examinations for up to 10 years. It will also cover cosmetic breast reconstruction.

Differential rates are offered for people who have already been screened and those who have not, and the cost increases with age, ie, in the 18-24 group the annual cost could be £33 or £44, for those from 60-65 the rate is £77 or £88.

Like other private insurance, a pre-existing condition will not be eligible. From today until Friday, there is a phone-in at Health First (0202 292 434) sponsored by Woman's Own when doctors and com-

enormous, voluntary programme for its 230,000 people to combat the danger from coronary heart disease—the biggest killer. All staff aged over 40 have been invited to take blood-pressure and urine tests. Dr Gwilym Hughes, BT's chief medical officer, is delighted with the number of people taking part, adding that other hidden conditions, such as diabetes, have been discovered and can be treated.

The London Health Screening Clinic (01-637 9933) has been seeing the same people for years: accountants, lawyers, professional people, but has two interviews—one preliminary, with the tests, and a face-to-face discussion of the results—more personal than a letter.

Having a screen is never going to be fun, but it might save a great deal of trouble. British Telecom has run an

Advertisement for Life Wise health insurance. Features a large image of a woman and child. Text includes: 'Caring employer', 'Enlightened employer', 'Imagine if a woman in your company developed breast or cervical cancer...', 'Life Wise is a unique health plan from Health First...', 'The plan fully covers the cost of treating breast or cervical cancer...', 'LIFE WISE is a Health Insurance Plan provided by Mutual of Omaha International Limited under the name Health First Health First, Richmond Hill, Bournemouth BH2 6EQ. Tel: (0202) 292 434.'

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MEDIA & MARKETING

Obedience to the last letter

OPINION Tony Brignull

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Recently, a similar number of complaints had a terminal effect on a brand new Danepak commercial in which a man stayed in a burning building to save his bacon...

Again, a woman in a commercial who was so ashamed of her terrible hair that she turned up at her psychiatrist with her head in a brown paper bag...

A crunch of Sundays

The difficulties of Sunday Today, which came to an abrupt end last week, date back to the first few weeks of its existence...

But, as Dennis Hackett, editor in chief of Today and Sunday Today, explained: "It had become a good paper as a paper. But as a package, it didn't exist..."

The brave boast that Sunday Today would not slavishly follow its competitors into having a colour magazine backfired...

After only a few weeks Extra was moved to the Saturday paper where it was turned into the popular Sports Extra...

The appointment of Bill Magery as its editor earlier this year improved the paper, but too late. It had established no public identity and circulation hovered at around 200,000 or even less...

After a long struggle Sunday Today has folded

By the third issue, the inadequate launch money had run out. A saviour was urgently needed and was found in property businessman and horse-owner Owen Oyston...

There is now talk of reducing the 46-strong journalistic staff by up to half, though a senior management official, who did not want to be named, accepted that too much pruning could be counter-productive...

The paper's target constituency is now seen as social workers, teachers, union officials and the broad soft Left of the Labour Party...

Marcel Berlins traces the causes

Eddy Shah's obsession was with technology and colour; the News on Sunday's was with politics, the desire to found a newspaper based on the principles of the Left...

To an extent, the troubles of the News on Sunday echo those of Sunday Today - a short planning period, not enough practice before the first issue, production problems and an obsession which overwhelmed the objective of producing a good newspaper...

Door wars

Labour has built a marginal advantage in the battle to reach the voters

The Labour media campaign at both ends of the communications spectrum - traditional doorstep canvassing and sophisticated television broadcasts - is reaching more people than the Conservative effort in Tory-held marginals where Labour are running second...

A Times/MORI poll of 1,443 adults at the weekend shows 29 per cent of voters had been visited by Labour in Con/Lab marginals, against 23 per cent who had seen a Tory canvasser...

The geography of canvassing penetration says a lot about the parties' tactics. In the crucial Con/Lab marginals, it breaks down as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Region, CON, LAB. Rows: Scot/North, Midlands, South, London.

In Alliance targets, the Tories had earmarked the Midlands as the danger area and saw 33 per cent of voters (23 per cent by the Alliance); in London, the Alliance had seen 34 per cent of voters (23 per cent by Conservatives).

Labour's election broadcasts are getting across more consistently - 68 per cent in both Con/Lab marginals (Tory 62, Alliance 57) and Con/Alliance ones (Tory 64, Alliance 60).

All that said, Bob Worcester, managing director of MORI, warns that the survey can measure numbers, but not their effect - or lack of it.

Simon Tait

Sony tries the soft sell in a cut-price campaign



The last time Sony advertised on television, John Cleese was saying its hi-fi didn't have miles of spaghetti hanging out of the back (Jonathan Arnold writes). Now the Japanese consumer electronics giant is returning to TV advertising after 18 months to persuade consumers that it is still the innovator in the fierce brown goods market...

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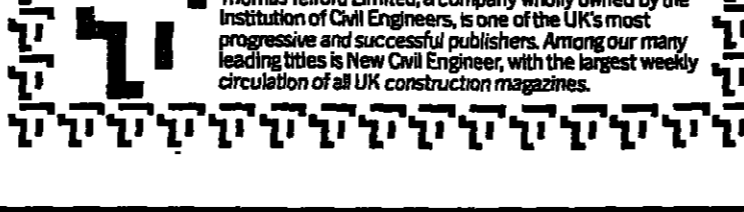
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An indication of the demand comes from the forthcoming auction by Bruton Knowles of a rundown 18th-century Cotswold barn at Puckham Farm...

Earlier this month Cluttons held an auction at Oxford that gives further evidence of a trend which has become increasingly apparent.

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Bidwells of Cambridge emphasizes that the demand for traditional, period barns for conversion continues to increase.

The price, of course, depends on the location, and they are likely to be as high as anywhere in the Cotswolds...



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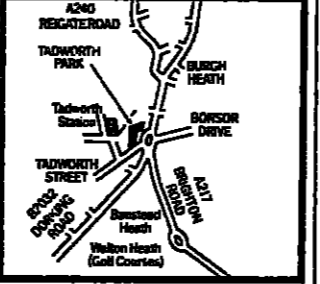
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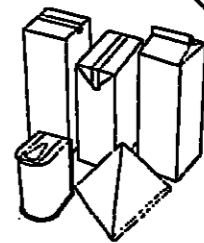
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Chancery Division

Container similarity sufficient for passing-off 'Setting down' differs in meaning on appeal

Reckitt and Colman Products Ltd v Borden Inc and Others Before Mr Justice Walton [Judgment June 9]

marketed JIF lemon juice in yellow plastic lemon-shaped containers since about 1956.

lennon to stand firmly on a plane surface. It also bore a label with a legend "RealLemon".

was in the can was by the surface graphics so she would have to read them.

product was JIF. Moreover the evidence was that most people when they got the lemon home took off the label which performed no useful function and was easily detachable.

Columbus Dixon Ltd v Dingle Belles (Ormskirk) Ltd Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Balcombe [Judgment June 8]

They subsequently applied to the Court of Appeal for leave to appeal from the judge's refusal of leave to appeal against the decision.

appeal and would need leave to do so. It was unlikely such an application would succeed.

Mr Justice Walton so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division on the plaintiff's claim against Borden Inc, Suzy Jenks plc for, inter alia, an injunction to restrain them from passing off their lemon juice as the plaintiff's lemon juice.

Each lemon also bore a triangular label on which the word "JIF" was prominent together with other information, not so easily readable, as to the "best before" date, the proprietors, ingredients, the fact that the lemon juice was the product of more than one country, and the bar code.

There would be no difficulty whatsoever in a careful shopper coming to the conclusion that none of the defendant's three products was a JIF lemon. It would merely be a question of her (because in practice it usually was a her) reading the label.

Accordingly, unless the label were to be something utterly novel (assuming it stayed on) such as the admittedly absurd suggestion that it might be a yard long, the housewife would not pay attention to it.

His Lordship consequently had no hesitation in finding that there was bound to be confusion in the shopper's mind in relation to all three of the defendant's lemons.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that in 1984 a county court judge refused to grant the plaintiff's application for leave to amend the pleadings at a late stage.

It was equivalent to issuing a writ, so until an appeal was set down there was no appeal at all; there was no matter with which the Court of Appeal could deal.

Solicitors: Machins, Luton; Stephen Ralph & Co, Liverpool.

Effect on passengers relevant in airline exemption decision

Regina v Civil Aviation Authority, Ex parte Airways International Airways Ltd Before Mr Justice Roch [Judgment May 20]

lawfully under the terms of a licence, it had not been a denial of natural justice, or contrary to the policy of the 1982 Act or its stated policies, for the CAA, without informing an objector to the grant of the licence of its intention of doing so, to make an instrument of exemption under section 64(2) permitting limited operations by the applicant pending the making of appropriate contractual arrangements.

only formality required was that the instrument should be published. There was no evidence that the granting of exemption was anything other than rare; indeed this case was unique.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Macpherson) said on June 10 in quashing the decision of the professional conduct committee of the UK Central Council for Nursing Midwifery and Health Visitors to remove Mr Stephen Slater's name from the register of nurses and retaining the case for a freshly constituted committee for a rehearing.

European Law Report Luxembourg Tachograph exemption

Hamilton v Whitelock Case 79/86 Before Judge Y. Galmot, President of the Third Chamber and Judges U. Everling and J. C. Moitinho de Almeida Advocate General J. Mischo (Opinion March 10 1987) [Judgment June 21]

the charges brought against him on the ground, in particular, that his lorry was a specialized breakdown vehicle within the meaning of the Community regulations and was therefore exempt from the requirement that it should be fitted with monitoring equipment.

July 11, 1984 in Case 133/83 R v Scott ([1984] ECR 2863) and, on the other hand, to the ordinary meaning of "breakdown" the expression "specialized breakdown vehicle" was to be understood as meaning a vehicle whose construction, fittings or other permanent characteristics were such that it would be used mainly for removing vehicles that had recently been involved in an accident or had broken down for another reason.

On those grounds the European Court (Third Chamber) ruled: The expression "specialized breakdown vehicle" in point 9 of article 4 of Regulation No. 543/69 of the Council of March 25, 1969 (OJ, English Special Edition 1969 (I) p.70) meant a vehicle whose construction, fittings or other permanent characteristics were such that it would be used mainly for removing vehicles that had recently been involved in an accident or had broken down for another reason. Such a vehicle was not subject to the requirements laid down in article 3(1) of Regulation No. 1463/70 of the Council of March 25, 1970 (OJ, English Special Edition 1970 (I) p.482), whatever use was actually made of it by its owner.

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TENNIS

Question over Noah's potential for glory at Wimbledon

By David Powell

Anyone from Hemel Hempstead aspiring to become the town's best player will be discouraged upon learning of events yesterday at Queen's Club, London where the Stella Artois men's singles championship is being played this week.

Andreas Maurer, who resides in that part of Hertfordshire, caused the first surprise of the tournament by defeating the fourth seed, Yannick Noah. Maurer was briefly the centre of attention, which is no small achievement when Boris Becker is hitting tennis balls into a grass oblong nearby.

Becker was on centre court emphasising the class between the world's No. 2 ranked player and the one occupying No. 58, Peter Doohan, of Australia, at the time Maurer was in the adjacent court seven dispatching Noah.

Maurer played with Becker in the West German Davis Cup final team of 1985. But while Becker has added his second successive Wimbledon singles title since then, Maurer has achieved little and lost his place in the team.

Like Noah, Mats Wilander found uncomfortable the transition from French clay to English grass. Becker ventured that the contrast was as great as the difference between a hot shower and a cold one. Wilander was glad of a cold shower.

His tendency to give away points at the net to another German, Eric Jelen, almost cost him his place in the championship and rain arrived, conveniently for Wilander, with Jelen 2-0 up in the deciding set. The Swede has already saved two match points.

Cash's match, the women professional may care to know was small value for money. He beat Richard Matuszewski, of the United States, 6-4, 6-4. Afterwards Cash said his comments referring to women's tennis being "junk" and "two sets of rubbish" applied to Grand Slam tournaments.

Shaw gave Britain an encouraging start when he defeated Michael Kures, of the United States, 6-3, 7-6. Kures is almost 10 places higher than Shaw in the world rankings. Shaw's improvement, he said, due to the coaching he had received from John Lloyd in Los Angeles.

Next he plays Ndaka Odior, of Nigeria, who put out the twelfth seed, Slobodan Zivojinovic, of Yugoslavia, 6-4, 7-6. Zivojinovic, a semi-finalist at Wimbledon last year, is having an uncertain time in excess of his first round defeat following his exit from the British No. 9 James Turner, at Beckenham last week.

Thus, the coming season will give the Broncos a chance to make amends. "Before you get to the Super Bowl, you have to win your division, and then in the playoffs you have to have some of the American football — but it just flies. Before you know it, it is over."

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Stepping lively: American football players (from left) Reggie Doss and Mel Owens, of the Los Angeles Rams, and Ricky Hanley and Keith Bishop, of the Denver Broncos, romp at Wembley yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Broncos in mood to buck the Bowl blues

By Robert Kirley

Keith Bishop played in Super Bowl XVI last January, but he does not have pleasant memories of the hype, hysteria and glory that accompanied the championship game of the National Football League.

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CRICKET: RAIN-AFFECTED TEST ENDS WITH A BLANK DAY

At the end of the first day of the first Test match between England and Pakistan, sponsored by Cornhill Insurance, was finally consigned to the waves at lunchtime yesterday without another ball being bowled.

For the England selectors, faced with naming a side at the weekend for next week's second Test match at Lord's, the fitness of Broad and Dillley is obviously a factor.

With the longest day of the year fast approaching, we could be doing not with less cricket, as the parrot-cry goes, but with more.

When a Test match is as badly interfered with as this last one, all the counties suffer. In 1985, when Australia played England at Old Trafford, the total receipts were £70,000. This time they were £20,000, of which only £20,000 (amounting to a mere 4,000 spectators) was taken at the gate.

With £150,000 swallowed up by travel expenses and another £35,000 by Value Added Tax, awfully little is left to go back into the game.

FOOTBALL

England within sight of final

From Clive White, La Ciot

Soviet Union Under-21, 0 England Under-21..... 0

Only desperately unfortunate finishing checked England's advance towards the final of the Espoirs Under-21 tournament here last night against one of the most formidable opponents they are likely to meet.

Twice in the opening 19 minutes England had rattled the Soviet Union's crossbar as they started the opposition with their generous approach. It was all too business-like for the Italian referee who, after 10 minutes, awarded a free-kick against Casagone for shouting too loudly.

Carr, disappointed against the Moroccan on Sunday, again failed to rediscover the razzle-dazzle of his form of early last season. Conversation with his club colleague, "Tough, had not discoloured in the Cote d'Azur sun.

That much was evident as early as the second minute when Clough, not for the first time, played a smart, incisive ball through the middle to Carr who blazed high over the crossbar.

Two minutes later Clough created a situation which looked serious consequences for the Soviets as Domingo worked the ball inside for Dorell to volley against the bar.

Dorigo, again setting a fine example as captain, then chipped in a teasing ball which Casagone, appearing from nowhere, diverted vigorously with his head against the same stubborn woodwork.

The Soviets took time to show some of the impressive movements that had France defending desperately two days earlier. The crowd evened up as Carr headed the ball into the goal with his head against the same stubborn woodwork.

The quality impressed an appreciative French crowd as he repeatedly drop-kicked the ball almost the length of this compact, picturesque ground overlooking the Mediterranean.

Athey and Fairbrother may vie for selection at Lord's

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

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Devon player tips world rankings

By Barry Wood

Considering that their preparations for Wimbledon are facing serious disruption because of the continuing poor weather, the players' spirits at the Dow Chemical Classic at Edgbaston's Priory Club remain surprisingly high.

Some tennis was played yesterday, although most of it was indoors at the Telford Racquet Centre. Valda Lake, aged 18, of Torquay, who this year has qualified for her first major tournament, kept her excellent run intact with a 6-0, 6-4 victory over the Australian junior champion, Nicole Provis.

Ranked 406 in the world and 18 in Britain, Lake looked crisp and sharp as she overhauled her surprised opponent. After winning the first set she went up a break in the second to lead 3-1.

but then allowed Provis — undaunted, she went on to break again for 5-4, and safely served out for the match and a possible second round encounter with Jo Durie. "Oh, that would be nice," she exclaimed. "Nothing can stop me now."

Miss Lake credits a recent sponsorship from British Car Auctions for her success. "Since they announced the sponsorship a month ago I've improved so much because I've got no money worries any more. It's made a big difference to me," she claimed.

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Yorkshire return A gamble to top of table

By Marcus Williams

HARROGATE: Yorkshire (24pts) beat Derbyshire (2) by an innings and 169 runs.

Yorkshire completed a supremely efficient demolition of Derbyshire yesterday, taking their last 13 wickets in the space of 40 overs. The maximum 24 points put Yorkshire back at the top of the Britannia Assurance Championship table, level with Lancashire, and gives extra spin to the latest battle of the counties at Old Trafford on Saturday.

More immediately, of course, it puts Yorkshire in excellent heart for today's Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final against Surrey and they should not expect to be dented by the Harrogate weather.

Derbyshire, who came into the match in second place, surrendered with scarcely a fight, and the combined batting time for their two innings was less than five hours. The response of their captain, Barnett, was to take his players on an hour-long run, his opposite number, Carrick, was able to expect to be dented by the Harrogate weather.

Japanese deal a lifeline for Turnberry

By Ian Stafford

Tommy Nakajima's brave attempt to run the British Open at Turnberry last year in which he finally finished behind the Greg Norman, has played far more importance than at first realized.

Hitoshi Matsuyama, the chief executive of Nitto Kogyo, the new owners of both the hotel and golf course at Turnberry, was highly impressed by Nakajima's near miss, where Japan nearly recorded their first Open victory.

It was so encouraged that he felt if his organization was to become a serious world golfing company then it was essential to own a course in Scotland. Turnberry then became his major goal.

He was so thrilled with his latest acquisition that, when he was recently at Turnberry finalising the agreement, he forced his entourage to play 9 holes at dawn on the famous links Ailsa course.

REAL TENNIS

Davies wins Australian Open title

By William Stephens

Wayne Davies, who became the first Australian to win the world championship when he defeated the holder, Chris Ronaldson, at Queen's Club in March, maintained his all-conquering form by securing the Australian Open singles title at the Royal Melbourne Tennis Club on Monday.

Davies, who is from Geelong but works as head professional at the New York Racquet and Tennis Club, had a much closer contest in the semi-final against Graham Hyland from Hobart who is the United States Open champion. Davies prevailed by 6-5, 6-3, 6-5.

Ronaldson, head professional at Hampton Court Palace, had eliminated his former deputy, Lachlan Deuchar (who is now head professional at his home club of Melbourne) by 6-4, 6-2, 6-2. However, in the final Ronaldson was outplayed

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LTA upsets plans for drugs tests at Wimbledon

By John Goodbody

Players at this year's Wimbledon championships are highly unlikely to be tested for drugs because of a conflict between the Lawn Tennis Association and the Men's International Professional Tennis Council.

A letter from the LTA, declaring its annoyance about drugs-testing procedures at last year's Wimbledon, has upset the MIPTC and led to the probable absence of any controls.

In 1986, testing was introduced for the first time on 175 male players and 30 umpires, but the results and the identity of anyone found positive were kept secret by the MIPTC on condition the individual underwent psychiatric treatment.

This decision led to Scotland Yard accusing Wimbledon of a potential drugs cover-up, because the testing would include illegal drugs such as cocaine and heroin.

John James, the Secretary of the LTA, has written to the MIPTC stating that he hoped future controls would follow the code of other Olympic sports, now that tennis is part of the programme of the Games.

James told *The Times* that his letter to Marshall Happer, the executive director of the MIPTC, did express "a certain amount of displeasure" at what happened last year.

McEnroe gives Scotland a miss to steel his resolve

By Richard Evans

John McEnroe has pulled out of the Scottish Championships in Edinburgh but still intends to play at Wimbledon.

After a few minutes, it became obvious that McEnroe was also far from being mentally prepared to put himself back on a public stage with all the attendant pressures of media hype.

"I made a mistake," he admitted. "I was hurting physically but given a couple of

this is the way the sport should go. But I think it will be a long time before full random drug-testing is carried out at Wimbledon.

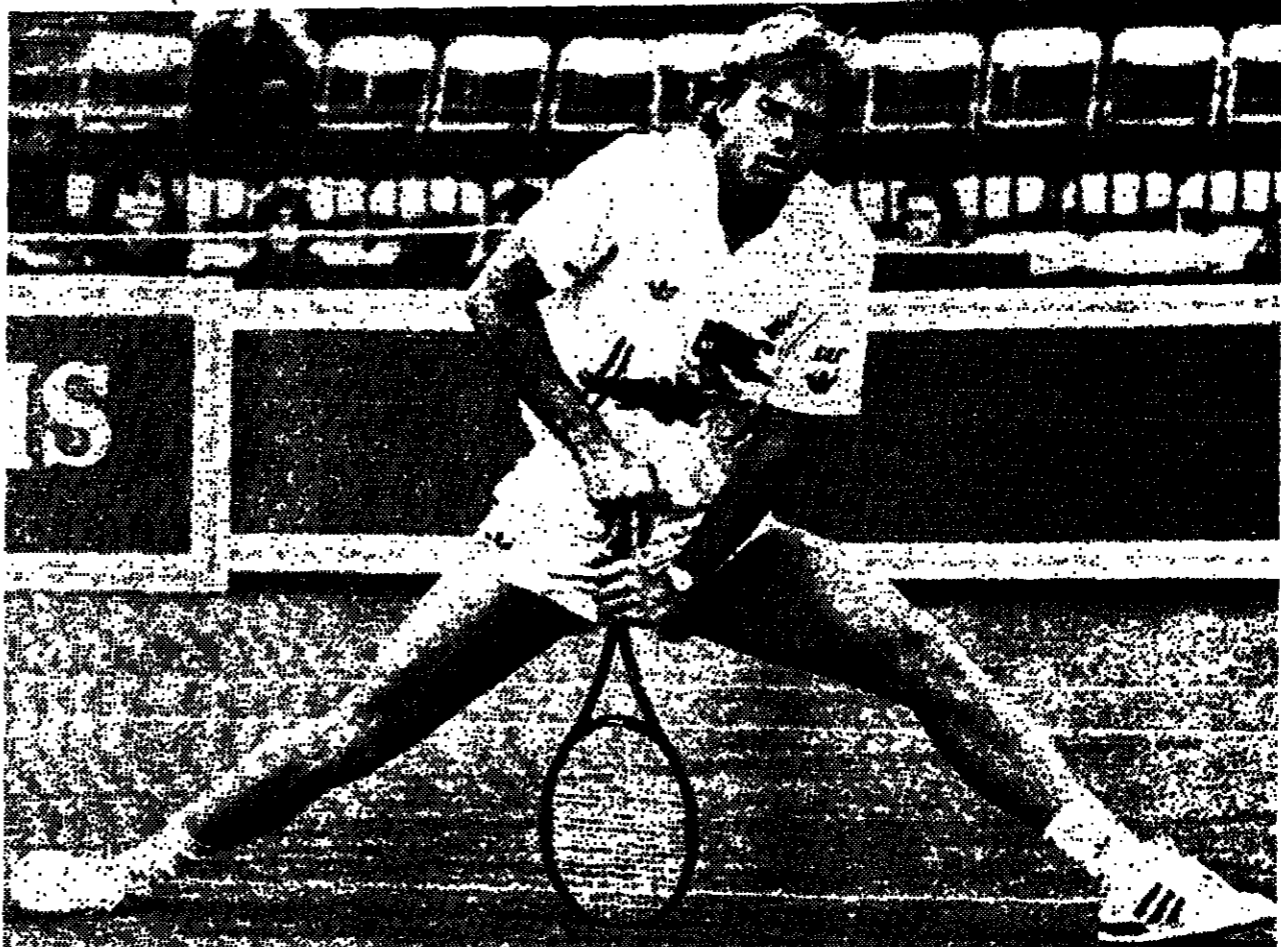
Last year the MIPTC carried out the tests at Wimbledon as one of its selected championships in 1986, but only for "recreational" drugs and not for those which can improve performance.

Mike Davies, then Chairman of the MIPTC, said last year that testing was being carried out because the Council wanted to disprove any rumours of recreational drug-taking in top-class tennis.

The Council has announced that a player would only be suspended if he refused to be tested or treated or if he were positive on three different occasions.

The MIPTC, which is based in New York, has been given legal advice that its policy of self-policing is exceptional in American sport and the Council is clearly concerned that if it suspended a player for taking a social drug then that player could sue the MIPTC for restraint of trade in the United States courts.

James said: "We feel that



Surface tension: Stefan Edberg is stretched to the limit on the damp grass at the Stella Artois tournament at Queen's Club yesterday. He slipped back into gear to beat Sammy Giammalva 6-4, 6-3. Report, page 55 (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Barnes ends the Anfield wait

By Ian Ross

Liverpool completed the first stage of a multi-million-pound rebuilding programme yesterday when they finally signed John Barnes, the Watford and England winger who had audaciously gambled with his future.

Manchester United have also expressed interest in Barnes but are not thought to be in a position to offer a cash-only deal and had been hoping to arrange a transfer based around player exchange.

Barnes' transfer was dramatically resurrected after he had telephoned the club following the news that Liverpool had withdrawn their offer.

"This has been going on for a long time now and I am just glad it is all over. I am delighted to be moving to Liverpool. I think that when it

END COLUMN

French does his trade proud

Simon Barnes

This has not been much of a Test match for most people, but for me and my fellow members of the Campaign for Real Wicketkeepers it has been a delight.

Goalkeepers are heroes for half the time and idiots for the rest. They are always in the glare of attention. But in high-class cricket, to put on a pair of gauntlets is to do a chunk of invisibility.

Most wicketkeepers are up to this task. And so most wicketkeepers are selected for their batting. The first principle of selection is that you don't pick people for their secondary skills but it happens time and again.

The problem was not helped by Alan Knott, who was both a Real Wicketkeeper and a member of improvisation with the bat.

In my view, you pick a keeper the way you pick a bowler: to take wickets and win matches. This dreary Test match has



French: superb dismissals

cheered by two dismissals by French that no batsman in gauntlets would have managed.

The first was his catch of Javed Miandad, the Pakistani danger man. Standing up to a medium-pace ball is a serious test of a keeper's skills.

To take any catch standing up is pretty good going. But to take one off a medium-pace ball with the ball changing direction and veering sharply downwards — that is rather like catching a cup of coffee without spilling a drop.

And then there was the run out of Salim Malik. It was the result of brilliant fielding from DeFreitas but it needed brilliant keeping to make it work.

French kept his head down and gathered it perfectly. The next mistake you can make is to try and move the ball before you have got hold of it properly but French was too cool for that one.

French also scored a fifty, which will be good for everybody's nerves. It means he will stay in the side for a while. To pick a mere batsman to keep wicket when you include two spin bowlers seems to me a particularly silly way to go about playing cricket but you never count the wickets that don't fall.

The wicketkeepers' real contribution is invisible, impenetrable to the statistics and often enough, to the selectors. But a Real Wicketkeeper is a jewel beyond price.

Contriving to avoid rain the priority

By Alan Lee

It is to be hoped that the June monsoon relents sufficiently for there to be genuine results in today's Benson and Hedges Cup semi-finals.

Despite heavy rain locally in recent days Kent officials are optimistic that the match with Northamptonshire at Canterbury will start on time.

One more lapse, on the other hand, could persuade him to walk away from the game for good.

Imran denies players' rift

By Alan Lee

Imran Khan, responding to reports of verbal warfare between the England and Pakistan players during the first Cornhill Test, claimed last night that relations on and off the field were the best he had ever known between the two sides.

Miandad had written of his penchant for "sledging" — the verbal abuse of opponents — and named some England players who, he says, also indulge. But Imran said: "I have spoken to Javed about the article and what he was

trying to say is that if someone attacks him he will not take it lying down. Maybe it did not come across too well.

Imran believes that relations between the teams have been strained for 10 years, since the winter when Pakistani tried to reintroduce players contracted to World Series Cricket, whereupon the touring England team threatened to go on strike.

Reflecting on the start of the rain-ravaged Test, Imran confessed: "I put my team under a lot of pressure with my decision to bowl first. It was a mistake but we have survived it and we can start again at Lord's much better equipped, with Abdul Qadir and myself in the attack."

England's injury absentees both hope to be fit for Lord's. Chris Broad will play in benefit matches tomorrow and on Friday to test his cracked thumb and Graham Dilley is likely to be watched by the manager Micky Stewart when he returns to action in the Ticon Trophy at Harrogate tomorrow.

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Stock-taking time for England

From David Hands, Rugby Correspondent, Brisbane

A chastened England party left Australia and the World Cup yesterday, regretting the previous 24 hours during which defeat against Wales undid the modest achievements of the other three games but hoping that the work done by this playing party will be the start of a fresh approach to the game at home.

There were challenging words from Tom McNab, their conditioning coach, before the party left Brisbane: "The economic structure of the clubs has to change to pay decent coaches. Eventually we are going to have to do that, it is absolutely essential."

McNab was speaking at a time when an international coaching conference has brought a large number of France's 60 or so paid technical officers to Brisbane but also from his own experience within athletics.

His work over the last year has been generally acknowledged by the England management here. "One of the biggest developments in the season has been the role played by Tom," Martin Green, the coach, said. "He has radically altered the approach to fitness."

Mike Harrison, the England captain, agreed: "People have realized there are techniques you can use to increase your speed and strength and if anyone has any sense they will be carrying them on."

Whether English rugby is ready to accept the need for

Amateurs receive new help

By Alan Lee

The governing body of professional boxing in Britain is to help leading amateurs in their preparations for the Seoul Olympics next year.

It is a hard fact of life and one which will be unacceptable to some of today's players and many of today's clubs, upon whose activities the game in England hinges.

John Morris, General Secretary of the Board, said: "We can't stop a boy turning pro if he wants to. But now a manager can approach an amateur quite openly without upsetting the ABA."

"There would be the clear condition that no money would change hands until the boxer was actually granted his professional licence."

Morris added: "The Board decided at its annual meeting to get rid of the apprentice scheme. The ABA didn't like it and we feel that 18 is a more suitable age for boys to turn pro."

Marathon hand-out

Sydney (Reuter) — Tami Ruckie, the first woman home in Sunday's Australian marathon, yesterday received Aus\$5,000 (£2,200) compensation after becoming the first marathon runner to be disqualified for using a pacesetter.

Race officials said a video tape showed Miss Ruckie had been paced through the second half of the race by Joe Buttigieg, who joined the marathon illegally.

Prize money for the Croft Original British Open Horse Trials Championship at Gatcombe Park has been increased to above the £10,000 level.

Knee surgery

The West Indian Test batsman, Gordon Greenidge, of Hampshire, had an exploratory operation yesterday on his injured right knee.

Greenidge is expected to be back in action in two weeks.

Gowman in The Welsh hockey captain, Andy Gowman, is included in their squad of 15 for the match against Kenya in Cardiff on Saturday. Gowman had earlier withdrawn from the squad because of business commitments.

Taking a rest

Bonn (Reuter) — The West German decathlete, Juergen Hingsen and Siegfried Wentz, will miss next month's European Cup so that they can recover from injuries before taking on Daley Thompson in the world athletics championships.

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